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MONSON TOWN MEETING



Held outdoors and socially-distanced with most voters wearing masks because of the continuing pandemic, Monson's annual town meeting resulted in a new fiscal year budget and more.

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Voters give elected body a new gender-neutral name

By Michael Harrison
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MONSON — When all is said and done, 2021 might be remembered as the “Year of the Woman” in this town.

Among the usual nuts and bolts work done in a typical annual

town meeting such as funding government and services for a new fiscal year, voters Monday night approved Article 28, which changes the name of Monson’s Board of Selectmen to simply the Select Board. If the change was considered overdue, it certainly comes at an appropriate time. Three women – Jessica

L. Allen, Karen Nothe-Valley, and Patricia Oney – are candidates for the select board seat now held by Ed Harrison, whose term is expiring. Harrison declined to seek another term.

That means no matter who wins, the three-member board will have a majority of women. The

winner will join Mary Hull and Richard Smith.

Nothe-Valley reflected the change on her campaign’s Facebook page Monday night.

“WE retired the outdated term “Selectmen,” a relic from the past

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EDUCATION

New rail study celebrated by advocates for new area commuter line

By Michael Harrison
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REGION — Advocates of a new commuter rail line connecting Western Mass. to Boston are cheering the release of a new Capitol Region Council of Governments report backing all the main arguments for public investment in the project.

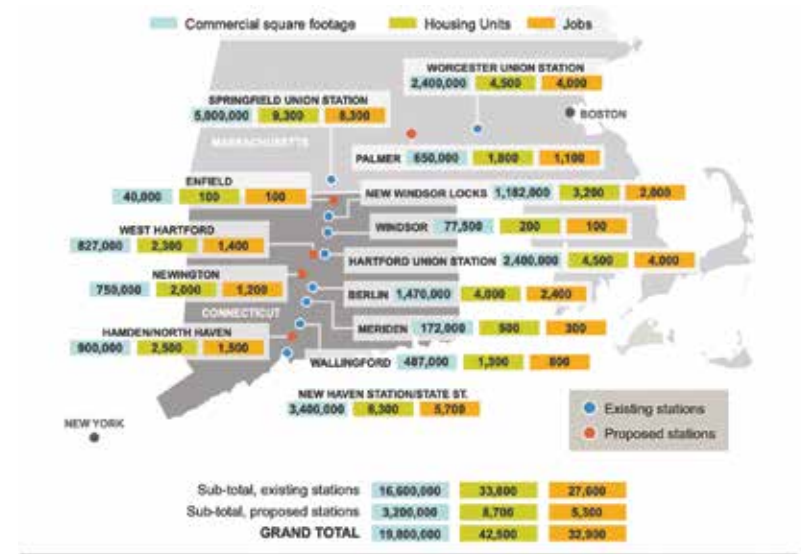
“The study is great for Palmer,” Ben Hood, chairman of the East-West Rail Steering Committee said.

“The inland route between Boston and New York City is the key to unlocking the enormous economic benefits and transit-oriented development that would accompany restored passenger rail to Palmer. We are well-positioned at the northeast

corner of Metro Hartford-Springfield, closest to Worcester and Boston. The study recognizes the work we’ve done to prepare for restored passenger rail.”

Prepared by the international consulting firm AECOM, which specializes in infrastructure, the report not only celebrates modern mass transit as a tool for economic and social transformation but accuses state and federal governments of negligence over a lack of progress. Although it hails the 2018 opening of the Hartford-Springfield line as a step in the right direction, the service just scratches the surface, the consultant said, and even that new

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Source: AECOM Analysis, based on CoStar, Urban Footprint, MassINC Transformative TOD Analysis

Courtesy photo

This graphic gives shows commercial square footage, housing units, and jobs for the existing and proposed passenger stations along this route.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Regional vaccine clinic firing on all cylinders for multiple towns



Turley Publications file photo

Palmer Health Inspector Chrissy Florence has partnered with other area towns to set up a COVID-19 regional vaccination clinic on Converse Street. With the state’s shift to regional sites, the one in Palmer has enough vaccine supply to serve every area resident who wants a shot.

By Michael Harrison
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PALMER — The days of COVID-19 vaccine shortages are

over and it doesn’t look like they’re coming back.

Anyone who wants a vaccination can get one essentially on-demand now. That includes everyone 16 and older and Massachusetts is getting close to approving a vaccine



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River gets some TLC



THREE RIVERS — Residents responded to the call for volunteers at the Palmer Conservation Commission’s May 8 River Cleanup.

Volunteers met at Lavolette

Field and cleaned away trash and debris of all kinds from the river and river banks.

The effort was organized by Palmer Conservation Commission in partnership with Ameri-

Photos special by Samantha Smalley can Rivers, the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council, Keep Palmer Clean, and Country Bank.

Sarah Fortune, conservation

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Former police officer convicted, sentenced

SPRINGFIELD — Daniel Cintron, 31, of Monson, a former Springfield Police Officer, was recently found guilty in a jury-waived trial in Hampden Superior Court on charges of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 (two counts), and intimidation of a witness (two counts).

Following the court’s verdict, he was sentenced to two to three years in state prison.

Cintron’s conviction was the second trial on these charges after a jury in September 2019 deadlocked on a number of charges. The Hampden District Attorney’s Office opted to retry the case but had to wait until recently due to the pandemic’s impact on the court system.

The charges stemmed from an investigation by the Hampden

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Antiques Season Is On



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PALMER — The unofficial start to antiquing season kicked off last week with several days of shopping and food at Marier's Antique Flea Market. From classic lapel buttons to vintage musical instruments, albums, furniture, and cabinet-sized radios, the

show drew visitors from across the country.

It ended Monday — just in time to the appetite for this week's

opening of Brimfield Antique Flea Markets. Brimfield Auction Acres, owned by Kate



and Rusty Corriveau and anchored at Brimfield Winery and Cidery, 35 Main Street in Brimfield, has more than 300 dealers and runs through May 16. For more, visit them on Facebook or go to brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com.



Courtesy photo

Community Pride

BRIMFIELD — Caleb Rubio and his mom Billie Jean Rubio participated in last week's Brimfield Community Clean-up event with Troop 7- Scouts BSA. According to the troop's Facebook page, approximately 200 volunteers picked up trash throughout the town, along roads and other areas, including Congregational Church and the Town Common. They filled a 15 cubic-yard dumpster with bagged trash, removed over 30 tires appliances, furniture and more. First Congregational Church of Brimfield and Hitchcock Academy were among the sponsors. If you or a family member would like to get involved with Scouting, go to troop-7brimfield.org, e-mail troop7brimfield@gmail.com or call 860-595-4084.

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District Attorney's Office's Special Victims Unit, the Springfield Police Department's Special Victims Unit, and the Chicopee Police Department.

"I hope this verdict brings justice to all of the victims and families involved in this case," Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni said.

"The bravery of the victims should be commended in coming forward, as the fear and angst created by someone who abused his position of power, is not easily overcome. My office will continue to fight for victimized children and all victims of abuse. I also thank Assistant District Attorney Liz Vasiliades for her great work."

Cintron is also accused of charges stemming from an altercation at the Eastfield Mall in August 2017, which awaits trial. He faces seven criminal counts: unarmed robbery, assault and battery (two counts), and intimidation of a witness (four counts).

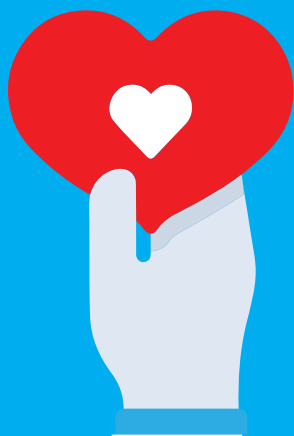
Assistant District Attorney Liz Vasiliades represented the Commonwealth in this case.

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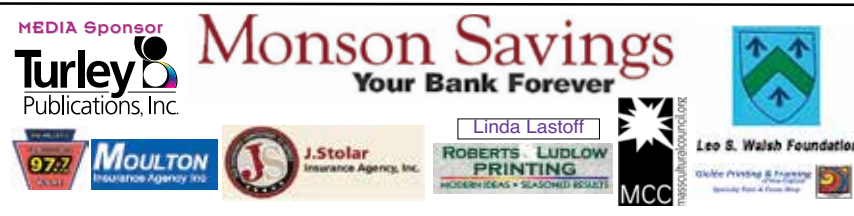
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Emergency rent money available for residents in need

By Michael Harrison
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MONSON — If you're behind on rent because of the COVID-19 pandemic, up to \$5,000 is available to help keep you in your home.

Through a partnership with the Springfield-based not-for-profit Wayfinders, Monson is able to provide assistance to eligible residents for as long as funds last. The program has been offered for months and even after some residents have received the emergency aid, there's still money left over to help others in need.

An eviction moratorium enacted in response to the pandemic expires June 30 and with the economy in flux and some restrictions still in place, Wayfinders wants to reach out to eligible renters while the assistance still exists.

"We still have a good amount of funds available for renters in Monson," Tyler Hadley, digital marketing manager for Wayfinders said. The aid, he said, "is specific to Monson renters who have not been able to pay rent due to COVID-19 related issues, but are also still offering others programs," that can help residents facing housing insecurity.

Payments go directly to landlords. To be eligible, applicants must have an income that is 80% or below the town's median income of \$82,427. Here's the income threshold by household size:

- 1 Person Household = \$47,850
- 2 Person Household = \$54,650
- 3 Person Household = \$61,500
- 4 Person Household = \$68,300
- 5 Person Household = \$73,800
- 6 Person Household = \$79,250
- 7 Person Household = \$84,700
- 8 Person Household = \$90,200

Those with an income above that level might be eligible for other assistance programs Wayfinders offers.

"If someone who is outside those guidelines and they need assistance, they can apply online or call our housing center and once the application goes through we can determine what programs they best qualify for. If they need assistance outside of the program we might be able to help with other programs we offer," including help with utility bills, Hadley said.

There is no deadline to apply, but assistance goes to eligible residents on a first-come basis. To apply, go to wayfinders.org/covid or call 413-233-1500.



The Three Rivers Fire Department, located at 50 Springfield Street, is offering a free CPR class for village residents.

By Jonah Snowden
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THREE RIVERS – Better to know how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and never have to use the technique than wishing you did if someone near you suddenly needs it.

Residents of Three Rivers who are interested in learning CPR have the opportunity to learn. Three Rivers Fire Department firefighter Stephen Nodurf is ready to teach you at no cost. Nodurf said although it is a non-certification class, all volunteers will "still have the skills to perform CPR," which can save lives when someone stops breathing and seconds – even minutes – count.

"Our response time is a few minutes," Nodurf said.

"If can use the life saving skills before we get there, it's going to help provide a better outcome for the person in need of aid. If you are at home and your significant other goes into cardiac arrest, you can start CPR for the sake of keeping the heart pumping until we get there and continue the process. The chance for success is so much higher than if you have to wait for the actual responders to arrive."

Reflecting on his experience learning CPR, Nodurf said it is "pretty straightforward," and "anybody can do it."

The simplicity of the critical technique is part of the message.

"That's what we want to get out to the community, the fact that everybody has the opportunity to save a life," Nodurf said.

"You don't have to wait for

the police or fire department. You can intervene almost immediately and have a positive impact."

The first date for a free CPR class is June 20, though it is tentative, depending on interest from the community. Nodurf said as of May 7, he has not received any inquiries about the class. For now, the class is only being offered to Three Rivers residents.

"I'd initially like to have it for the community we serve," Nodurf said.

"We would certainly be able to extend it to the other villages and Palmer, but I'd like to start initially with the Three Rivers community."

To contact the fire department and sign up for the class, send a message through their Facebook page or call 413-283-7161.

Three Rivers Fire Department offering free CPR class

Candidates set for Monson town election

The following are candidates will appear on the ballot for the Annual Town Election, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. June 8 at Memorial Hall, 198 Main Street.

Anyone who would like a vote by mail application can contact the clerk's office or go to monson-ma.gov by 5 p.m. June 2. The deadline to register to vote for the election is 8 p.m. May 19 (if the town office building is closed, voters can apply in person at the Main Street entrance where they will be greeted at the door. Or, register online at sec.state.ma.us/ovr.

Vote by mail ballots must be received by the close of polls on June 8.

In-person early voting will take place in the Selectmen's Conference Room located at 110 Main St. of the Town Office

Building 8 a.m.-7 p.m. June 1-3. For inquiries contact the Monson town clerk's office at: 413-267-4115 or email town-clerk@monson-ma.gov.

The candidates are:

Select Board:
Jessica L. Allen
Karen Nothe-Valley
Patricia Oney

Highway Surveyor:
Benjamin Murphy

Board Of Assessors:
Allan Curtis
Christopher Haley

School Committee (three-year term) vote for two:
Emily Graves-Harrison
Jeffrey Lord

Gennie Bailey
Alison Morgan

School Committee (one-year term) vote for one:
Jackie Watts, Jr.
Donald Smith

Water and Sewer Commissioner:
Joseph Prior

Cemetery Commissioner:
Sarah Pedder

Parks And Recreation Commissioner:
Jan-Michael DeMaio

Housing Authority (five-year term):
Loretta (Lori) Stacy

WALES GOVERNMENT

Town meeting May 19, elections on May 26

WALES — The annual town meeting will be held 6 p.m. May 19 at Tantasqua Regional High School auditorium. Go to the town website at townofwales.net to view a copy of the warrant.

Voters go to the polls May 26 for the annual town election. In addition to candidates for office, the ballot asks voters to decide whether or not to change the position of Road Commissioner from an elected office to an appointment by the Select Board.

This year, you can vote by mail. Applications are available at the Senior Center, Town Office or Library. Completed ballots must be received at the Town Office by 8 p.m. on May 26.

Candidates for this year's election are:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (three year term)
William J. Matchett Candidate for Re-election

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (three-year term)
Leon Givner Candidate for Re-election

PLANNING BOARD (three-year term) *
Sarah L. Ryan 9 Main Street non-incumbent

TREASURER (three-year term)
Rodney A. Kincaid Candidate for Re-election

TAX COLLECTOR (three-year term)
Rebecca R. Smith Candidate for Re-election
Melanie A. Oney Challenger

BOARD OF HEALTH (three-year term)
Kenneth C. Moore Candidate for Re-election
Jean M. Herbert Challenger

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (three-year term)
Joel Robert Jette Candidate for Re-election

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (three-year term)
Keridwyn E. Pitcher Candidate for Re-election

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER (three-year term)
Carolyn A. Boehne Candidate for Re-election
John S. Croke Challenger

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE (three-year term)
Michael J. Valanzola Candidate for Re-election

ROAD COMMISSIONER (three-year term)
Bruce R. Cadieux Candidate for Re-election

MODERATOR (three-year term)
Michael J. Valanzola Candidate for Re-election

CONSTABLE (three-year term)
Charles Smith Candidate for Re-election

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

My Social Security is incorrect, what should I do?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My sister and I have the same first and last names but are distinguished by our “middle” names. Our last name consists of two family names, which gives us both four, with only our middle names unique. We received two Social Security cards with the same name (middle name excluded), each with a unique number, but with our last name misspelled. So, my questions are:

- Which card is mine, and which is my sisters?
- Is it okay that our last name is misspelled?

I called Social Security and was told to make an appointment online, which I tried to do, but could not because it wouldn’t accept my last name. I don’t know what to do now and hope you can advise me. Signed: Confused Sister

Dear Confused Sister: You haven’t shared your age, but unless you’re ready to apply for Social Security, you and your sister have time to correct your last name in your Social Security records. In any case, your Social Security Number is what is used to record your earnings for the purpose of future Social Security benefits, so you aren’t losing anything where your earnings credits are concerned. You should, however, get your correct last name reflected in your Social Security records to be sure that your future benefits will be properly paid.

For Social Security purposes, only first names and last names (surnames) are considered your legal name. You can include a middle name if it will help distinguish you from another, but your legal name for Social Security purposes will be your first and last name only. Thus, you should correct your Social Security profile to reflect your correct first and last name and include your unique middle name for personal purposes to distinguish you from your sister. For additional awareness, SS last names are limited to 13 characters. Also, it’s not uncommon for many people to share the same first and last name (e.g., John Smith) in Social Security’s records – it’s the Social Security number associated with that name that counts.

Other factors might apply too, such as whether the Social Security cards and numbers you and your sister now have are new, or if either or both of you have been using those Social Security numbers for past employment purposes. In any case, those numbers have been assigned to you, so getting your profile to reflect your correct last name is important. It’s also important that each of you separately use only one Social Security card/number (you use one; your sister the other).

To correct your name with Social Security, you should fill out and submit form SSA-5, which you can download/print at this link: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>. Note that the form is used to apply for a new card, get a replacement card or to change information for an existing Social Security number. The form includes complete instructions on how to fill it out, and you can submit it via the U.S. Post Office to your local Social Security office, the mailing address for which you can find at www.ssa.gov/locator. Take note of the form’s instructions for including additional documentation for identification purposes. I suggest that you and your sister both do this separately, each of you taking ownership of one of the Social Security numbers. When Social Security processes your name change, they will schedule an appointment to discuss any remaining questions they may have. They will notify you via U.S. mail of the date/time of the appointment and the next steps to be taken.

Since all Social Security offices are temporarily closed to public access due to the pandemic, you can do this transaction entirely over the phone if you wish, but you will need to first call for an appointment. If you choose the phone method over submitting form SSA-5, you should call 1-800-772-1213, and request an appointment to correct your name on Social Security’s records. They will send you an appointment notice, at which you will be able to initiate the name change process (you’ll still need to provide them with identification documents via the U.S. mail).

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Long awaited flowers for the wisteria

I was out shopping at one of the largest garden centers I have ever been to yesterday, and was tempted to buy a wisteria (along with a hundred other plants). My good friend is always talking about how pretty hers is and with an occasional picture sent my way, she is sure being modest. Her specimen is beyond pretty, more like gorgeous! I tried to remember back to the one we had growing at Old Sturbridge Village, long since gone now, but luckily I had written the following column, which gives some great advice for first-time wisteria owners, especially those who are waiting for theirs to bloom. Read on!



The wisteria was planted eight long years ago. Although the vines have overtaken the pergola beside which it was installed, there has never been a single flower...until this year! Finally, a handful of lavender-purple blossoms hang like bunches of grapes from the top of the structure. If I hadn’t glanced up I probably would have missed this first effort entirely. I can only imagine how, in just a few more years, the show will be so breathtaking that everyone passing by will remark at its beauty.

There are two species of wisteria commonly grown by gardeners: Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*) and Japanese wisteria (*W. floribunda*). Their twining vines are vigorous with a capital “V,” quite capable of growing 25 or more feet tall. Wisteria are valued mostly for their purple toned or white flowers, which, as mentioned, hang in pendulant clusters in mid to late May, arriving just as the foliage is unfurling. The flowers are fragrant, and pea-like, accounting for the fact that plant is a member of the pea family. In addition to it being vigorous and pretty when in flower, the wisteria is hardy and long-lived. If there are Victorian era homes in your town, no doubt one or more will still sport a wisteria trailing over the front porch. Examine an old specimen up close and you will notice a gnarled, twisted trunk several inches in diameter. Sometimes, with careful pruning, the vine can take on a self-supporting tree-like form.

Wisteria has the reputation of taking notoriously long to flower. Plants started from seed reportedly won’t do so for 10 to 15 years! Those grown from cuttings, layers from the mother plant, or those that are grafted will bloom somewhat sooner, usually in seven to 10 seasons.

To encourage early and dependable flowers, be sure to plant wisteria in full sun. Six hours of direct sunlight each day is necessary. Deep, fertile soil that is neutral to slightly acidic (pH 6-7) will grow the healthiest plants. Start off with a planting hole at least 24 to 36 inches in diameter and 18 to 24 inches deep, amending it with one-third its volume in compost, peat moss or well-rotted manure.

Wisteria also has the reputation of being able to “leap small buildings in a single bound,” and topple the weaker ones to the ground! Be prepared by having a strong vertical support in place prior to planting the vine. Trellises, pergolas or arbors will all suffice. Other, solid surfaces can be mounted with rows of copper wire for the vines to twine on. The copper won’t rust and it will disappear among the plant material as it ages. Plant wisteria no deeper than it was growing in the pot from the nursery, unless it was grafted, then the graft union should be planted just under the surface of the soil. Water well after planting and throughout the first season of growth. A well-balanced fertilizer can be added annually.

Once the vine is well established, fertilize only if deficiencies are evident, and water only upon wilting. By discouraging vegetative growth, flower production will be encouraged. If numerous years have gone by and still there are no flowers, a heaping application of phosphorus in the form of superphosphate (0-20-0) may help. You can also try pruning back new growth severely in late spring or early summer. If that doesn’t stimulate flowers the following season, try root pruning in late fall to “check” vegetative top growth. This is done by simply cutting into the soil with a spade four feet from the trunk to a depth of about 18 inches.

Sure, it may take awhile for wisteria to flower, but believe me, it is worth the wait!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

Protect private information while working from home

By Andras Moritz

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we work and interact with those around us. As many companies now allow remote work, more employees are advocating to stay remote even after the state reopens.

MassInc Polling Group released a study reporting nearly 70% of Massachusetts residents will be continuing to work from home, or will inquire about working from home, even after the pandemic ends.

While this is a fantastic movement towards remaining home with family and being present outside of our work lives, what does this mean for the security of our work information?

Most companies have fire walls and extra security measures in place to protect employees and their offices. These extra steps of protection would ensure that employee information, client details, company secrets and more would remain safe from hacking or phishing efforts.

As we move to a work from home environment, employees don’t have a same amount of security as they did in an office setting. This increase in protection has resulted in ransomware and cyberattacks across the state. As NBC10 Boston reported last year, these attacks are on the rise and resulting in 1 in 6 communities in Massachusetts falling victim.

So how can you protect your information while working from home?

When you consider protecting your company information while working at home, consider the types of communication and storage you use. These days, most employees are using email as their main form of communication and with integrated hosting services like Google and Microsoft that allow document sharing, storage and creation in addition to email, it’s critical that employees take extra steps towards protecting their email accounts.

Finding a privatized email service that allows you to use your existing work email can provide further protection against cyberattacks at home. Providing these types of services for employees, or employees seeking this protection on their own, can increase confidence in security and confidentiality of information for the employee, company and clients.

In February, Gov. Charlie Baker told the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce that half of the full-time state employees will transition to a hybrid model, which sets the standard for many companies across the state.

Hybrid models, which allow employees to work from home and the office, provide bigger threats for email security breaches. As employees transfer work devices or more confidential documents to and from the office, ransomware and cyberattacks are more likely to increase.

Privatized email services can mitigate headaches of the hybrid model in addition to working from home. This is because they are available on Android and Apple mobile products, as well as desktop devices, which leaves worry behind when switching devices. The flexibility can complement the hybrid model without sacrificing security, whether in the office or at home.

Overall, privatized email services are best for protecting employees as they work from home or enter hybrid models as the state reopens. With flexible options and optimal security features, companies and employees can get the best of both worlds during this unpredictable time.

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COMMENTS ON CONGRESS

Summing up democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

It’s so easy, in the course of our day-to-day lives, to get caught up in the political preoccupations of the moment. What’s the Senate going to do about the filibuster?

How should infrastructure money be spent? Is the country going to come out of this year as badly divided as it started? These and many other questions matter a lot, but sometimes, it’s helpful to step back and take stock of what we’ve learned over the course of our history.

I’ve been thinking about this because I’ve been reading Jon Meacham’s 2018 book, “The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels.” In it, Meacham notes that we’ve been badly divided and knocked back on our heels in the past but have always managed to work our way through those difficulties. He cites a variety of writers and speakers, and a number of them have stuck with me because they’re both reassuring

and a challenge. They remind us that sustaining our democracy is hard work and that its vitality depends on each of us, not just to participate, but to make the effort to understand and talk to people we don’t agree with, and to do our best to discern the facts on which all genuine progress relies. Here they are, with a couple I’ve added on my own that speak to the same issues:

“Do not expect to accomplish anything without an effort.” Teddy Roosevelt said this in an 1883 speech called, “The Duties of American Citizenship.”

“The first duty of an American citizen, then, is that he shall work in politics.” This is Roosevelt again, in the same speech, making the point, in the language of the time, that being an American citizen means being willing to engage in the work of democracy.

“Speak up, show up and stand up.” That’s Georgia’s Stacey Abrams laying out, in concise form, the basic challenges for anyone trying to affect the course of

public life.

“Progress on this journey often comes in small increments.” This is Meacham himself, with a reminder that progress comes slow and hard.

“Nowhere is the rule of public opinion so complete as in America, or so direct.” This was Englishman James Bryce, writing in *The American Commonwealth*, which appeared in 1888.

“People are responsible for the government they get.” Harry Truman summed up our core responsibility: we have to choose our political leaders wisely.

“It is not only important, but mentally invigorating to discuss political matters with people whose opinions differ radically from one’s own.” Eleanor Roosevelt wrote this in a book published when she was 76, “You Learn by Living: Eleven Keys for a More Fulfilling Life.”

“The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends. It is not our many Arab friends. Our enemy is a radical network

of terrorists and every government that supports them.” I include this remark by George W. Bush, in a speech he gave to a joint session of Congress following the 9/11 attacks, because it’s a cogent reminder that keeping our eye on the target matters in public policy.

“The people have often made mistakes, but given time and the facts, they will make the corrections.” This was Truman again. I like his confidence.

“America of the 21st century is, for all its shortcomings, freer and more accepting than it has ever been.” Meacham makes it clear that our nation, despite its many stumbles, has moved toward progress, in no small part because the American people, as Truman suggests above, have set it on that course.

“It is in order that each one of you may have through this free government which we have enjoyed, an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enter-

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line needs improvement, according to the study.

“The work remaining to be done includes electrification, additional rolling stock, a

replacement of the Connecticut River Bridge at Windsor Locks, double-tracking of key segments, five new or relocated stations, and upgrading the downtown Hartford rail viaduct. These improvements, estimated to cost up to \$3 billion, would boost speed, reliability, and access,” the study states.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission also had input on the report.

The East-West Rail project in Massachusetts would connect Springfield to Worcester and Boston, and potentially westward to Pittsfield.

“These services nominally exist today, but with only one train in each direction (Amtrak’s Lakeshore Limited), unreliable performance, and uncompetitively slow speeds—about an hour longer than driving in mid-day conditions. While several alternatives remain in play, an investment in the \$4 billion range would cut nearly an hour off the Springfield-Boston trip, enable at least 10 round trips per day, and provide comfort and reliability,” according to the report.

“In Boston, the train would stop not only at South Station, with its instant connections to the Red and Silver Lines and much of downtown accessible on foot, but at the key destinations of Back Bay, the Longwood Medical Area (Lansdowne Station), and the future multimodal hub at West Station. Together, the East-West Line and the completed Hartford Line would reconstitute a 21st-century version of the old Inland Route—regular train service from Boston to New York via Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, and New Haven—which the region has lacked for decades. It would create a regional network of great versatility and economic potential, combining intercity service all along the corridor with high-frequency, transit-like service in the Hartford-Springfield core.”

An economic driver

At a press conference last week at Springfield Union Station, U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Executive Director Kimberly H. Robinson seized on the report as further evidence that a Biden administration infrastructure proposal should include more than \$1 billion for the East-West line. Biden’s infrastructure wish list is reportedly under negotiations among congressional leaders, but there’s been no date set for public hearings.

In the meantime, Neal, who pledged last fall to fight for the project, laid out at the press conference part of his argument on why Western Mass needs a new, expansive commuter rail.

“In the Hartford-Springfield area (there is) a population of 1.6 million people, regional gross domestic product of over \$20 billion, 20 colleges and universities, two historic downtowns and New England’s second-largest airport, in which I believe seven million people ventured through last year,” Neal said.

“This confirms what many of us have thought about what improved rail service could do for the Springfield-Hartford-Worcester-New Haven areas, in terms of not just geography, but in terms of investment as well.”

Robinson also considers the report validation.

“In so many ways the findings of this study confirmed what we ourselves have known here for decades,” Robinson said.

“Regions that are connected by rail to major economic hubs such as Boston and New York City are thriving, while underserved communities like ours have lagged behind. We now know that the lack of rail has cost us economically and this trend simply cannot continue.”

Key findings

According to the report, the “Metro Hartford-Springfield” region would rank among the 40 largest in the U.S. “Yet the Hartford-Springfield economy is isolated and lagging” because of gaps in the

mass transit network. Filling those gaps, the report asserts, would transform the region. Its key findings include:

- Up to 40,000 jobs in information, finance, and professional services “which have fueled growth elsewhere in the Northeast” can be attracted over time to this region.

- Between New Haven and Worcester, the Inland Route rail improvements would serve 16 existing and future stations. Recent and planned development in these station areas suggests a strong market of interconnected residential communities, employment centers, and public destinations.

- Aggregate station area potential has capacity for about 20 million square feet of commercial development and 30,000 housing units.

“Together, these two outcomes – the gradual attraction of 20,000-40,000 ‘missing’ professional service jobs and the construction of station-area development – account for

an estimated \$47 to \$84 billion in directly-generated regional GDP over 30 years, including \$27 to \$48 billion in wages. An additional \$15 to \$21 billion of indirect and induced GDP is estimated as well,” according to the report.

“If you can commute easily between Hartford and Springfield, or live in Windsor Locks and work in Worcester, or live in Holyoke and work in Hartford or New Haven; or if you can run a business in Springfield and routinely make day trips to New York or Stamford or Boston; or if your business at Bradley International Airport can attract workers from Wallingford and Palmer—all by train, without the expense of car ownership or the future roadway congestion that will come with growth—that’s a competitive advantage for the region,” the report states.

Boost for Palmer

The town of Palmer, which would return to its roots as a commuter rail hub, figures prominently in the report.

“A historic industrial community known as ‘the Town of Seven Railroads,’ Palmer is still a rail crossroads, where the CSX and Central Vermont intersect in Depot Village. Both lines are busy freight carriers, and Amtrak’s Lakeshore Limited passes through (but does not stop) on the CSX track. Union Station, an H. H. Richardson original building, lives on as a restaurant and landmark,” the report says.

“While Depot Village is largely built out at the scale of a small town center, there is ample underutilized land available. Palmer’s Community Plan identifies Depot Village, as well as an expanse of undeveloped woodland along Route 32 just north of the village, as strategic development sites. Palmer’s location in the regional mobility network amplifies its potential from a commercial/industrial as well as a residential standpoint. Depot Village adjoins the only Massachusetts Turnpike exit in a 24-mile stretch, and three regional highways—Routes 20, 32, and 181—intersect here. Palmer is the gateway to a 21-town area that includes the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Developable land is inexpensive.”

Echoing arguments local rail proponents have been making for years, the report seeks to hone the message that an East-West line benefits essentially everyone.

“Households, businesses, and governments are connected in a complex web of interdependent relationships based on producing, selling, purchasing, and taxing goods and services,” it says.

“An initial change in one of these creates ripple effects through the others. Initial impacts tend to create revenues at other firms and employment for residents and associated income, as well as tax revenues to state and local governments referred to as fiscal impacts.”

Reporter Jonah Snowden contributed to this story.

Have extra water ready May 16-21

PALMER — Water District 1 will be conducting a system flush during the week of May 16-21. Having reserve water on hand is recommended.

Flushing will commence shortly after 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 16, and will continue until the system is completed. Dirty water may be experienced periodically throughout this week in the entire district.

The district suggests you obtain an adequate storage of water before the flushing begins and to monitor the water throughout the week.

The Palmer Water District regrets any inconvenience during the flushing operation, but it is necessary for the maintenance of the system.

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for people ages 12 to 15, Gov. Baker said recently. With the state’s shift from mass vaccination sites like stadiums and malls to smaller, regional sites, the clinic at Palmer’s Converse Street has been positioned for months to service the area.

After an initial round of serving first and second shots for seniors around the area, the clinic sat idle while vaccine supplies were routed to the mass-volume sites. Since early spring, however, Converse Street has been busy daily, vaccinating 3,600 people through last week and isn’t stopping anytime soon.

“It’s a huge success for our people,” Palmer Health Inspector Chrissy Florence said. “The teamwork and collaboration have been phenomenal.”

Working with health officials in multiple towns, the Palmer site has been serving residents of Ludlow, Wilbraham, Brimfield, Holland, Wales, Monson, West Brookfield, and Sturbridge. At capacity, the clinic can serve 1,000 daily. Now, all it needs is people who want to be vaccinated.

This week, Converse and its team are administering a round of second shots and servicing the homebound. The clinic will operate for as long as needed, Florence said.

“We’re guaranteed second doses throughout the pandemic, so there’s always enough vaccine and we’re in it for the long haul – we just need bodies to stick!” she laughed.

Though the number of virus infections in Hampden County has it considered high risk, some individual towns have been making progress. In Palmer, the number of new cases has fallen by nearly 50% with 29 new cases in the last two-week period reported. Other area towns have also experienced fewer cases recently. Ludlow slipped from red to yellow with 83 new cases and Monson has held steady in that category despite just 10 new cases reported. Hampden has 17 new cases and Wilbraham 27. Ware, also in the yellow, had 27.

Chicopee and Springfield remain in the red.

How to make an appointment

Go online to home.color.com/vaccine/register/palmer to book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine shot at the town of Palmer’s Converse Street regional site.

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prise and intelligence... The nation is worth fighting for, to secure such an inestimable jewel.” Abraham Lincoln said this in 1864. His words remind us that safeguarding a freely chosen, democratically elected government that creates the conditions for each of us to succeed by dint of our efforts is what engaging in politics is all about.

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Monson town meeting Approximately 100 voters turned out for Monson’s annual town meeting held at Granite Valley School Monday night.

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before women had the right to vote or could hold this seat,” she posted. “So proud of Monson for making this change and happy to be part of our town’s present and future.”

Allen made an issue out of the term when she first announced her campaign, vowing to cross out “Selectman” and replace it with “Selectwoman” in her nomination papers.

If the annual meeting – held outdoors on the Granite Valley School football field during a cool, damp evening – seemed to run mostly pro forma, there were several holds, discussions, an amendment, and even some drama. Ultimately, voters approved a \$26,838,904 budget for fiscal 2022, which begins in July.

The budget approved for the current fiscal year that’s ending was 25,673,964. Town Accountant Jamie Farnum explained most of the increase is tied to debt service approved at prior town meetings. Many expenses were lowered or remained flat.

Making an amendment

Resident Gretchen Neggers proposed an amendment to the Health and Human Services line in the omnibus spending package funding veterans services. Neggers, who successfully lobbied the select board last month for the town to leave the Veterans Services District of Eastern Hampden County, objected to budgeting money for the town to be part of a consortium. The select board is still deciding whether to join another district or create a town position to handle veterans benefits issues for residents.

After several revisions, some money – about a third of the \$34,000 budget – was carved out for a part-time position in case one is created, along with office expenses – and the amendment was passed.

Raised voices

Article 8 drew a hold from Robert Cady – not his first – and a discussion followed over a budget proposal to transfer \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to a rent assistance program administered by Wayfinders, a Springfield-based not-for-profit. Before Cady registered his complaint about the 15% fee Wayfinders

receives for running the program, he and Harrison, the town moderator, had an exchange in which both raised their voices. When Cady began speaking, he apparently didn’t think he had Harrison’s full attention and addressed him directly.

“Hey! I’m talking to you!” Cady said. Harrison admonished Cady for his tone.

“I will run this meeting without criticism,” Harrison said. “Kindly state your case.”

The discussion ended after Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz explained the program was approved by prior decision. Cady also had a verbal scuffle with School Committee Chair Jeff Lord after Cady asked if the money budgeted for Monson schools would fund some sort of “Black Lives Matter” curriculum, referencing the social awareness movement.

“You can take your right-wing conspiracy theories and...” Lord said, gesturing angrily at Cady. Lord either didn’t finish the sentence on purpose or was inaudible over the PA. That brought Harrison back into another exchange with Cady. Harrison warned Cady to not “go beyond the scope of this article” during the discussion.

“You allowed him to attack me!” Cady shouted to Harrison, referring to Lord.

“Strike two,” Harrison said. “You can either stop interrupting or invite yourself to leave.”

Ultimately, Supt. of Schools Cheryl Clarke told Cady there is no Black Lives Matter-based curriculum in Monson schools.

Other business

Town meeting also approved \$12,800 to make the Keep Homestead Museum more energy efficient; \$126,683 to acquire 66 acres of property on Hovey Hill Road, and \$142,000 for 52 acres on Reimers Road that connects to the Norcross Wildlife Foundation property and to be kept as open space in perpetuity.

The new fiscal year budget provides nearly \$1.7 million for the police department and \$260, 597 for the fire department.



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NOW

ADULT BASEBALL: Tri County Baseball League tryouts/practice for adults will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

OUTDOOR SKILLS FOR GIRLS: Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts invites girls and their guardian to an Intro to Outdoor Skills event for girls currently in pre-K and kindergarten who are not yet Girl Scout members 1-2 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at Quarry Hill Community School, Monson. Girls will earn their first Girl Scout patch while learning basic campfire building techniques, first aid, and jackknife safety. Sign up is at <https://bit.ly/GSoutdoorskills>. Space is limited. All COVID safety precautions will be followed. This is an outdoor event, dress accordingly. For more information contact GSCWM Recruitment Manager Tammy Gilpatrick at tgilpatrick@gscwm.org or 508-749-3639.

TAG SALE: The Monson Free Library, 2 High Street in Monson, is holding a Tag Sale on 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15. All proceeds will benefit the library. The rain date is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 16.

ART SHOW: The Monson Arts Council is presenting its 27th annual Art Exhibition and Sale, "The Colors of Change," May 15-30 in the House of Art, 200 Main Street in Monson, and as an online gallery. To sign up for a workshop or for more information on the exhibit, visit monsonartscouncil.org.

POETRY WORKSHOP: "Ekphrastic Poetry: Hear It ! See It! Write It!" presented by Cindy Snow at Memorial Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 19. This workshop is funded by the Monson Cultural Council with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Participants will create poems in response to the art exhibit "The Colors of Change" on display at the House of Art. To register, contact Gay Paluch by e-mail gay.paluch@comcast.net or phone 413 893 9014. The cost for the workshop is \$5. Additional information about the spring exhibit can be found at monsonartscouncil.org/artshows.

SOON

NEW POLITICAL COMMITTEE: A new Brimfield Democratic Town Committee is being formed as a big tent community activist group. All Brimfield Progressives are welcome – registered Independents can join as non-voting members. A networking party is being held 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23. This is an opportunity for town Progressives to get acquainted with each other. Those who don't wish to join the committee can sign up for the email list, so they can be kept informed of activities. For more information, contact one of the Co-Chairs - Paul Adams (pdadams74@charter.net) or Maria Thomson (mthomson@charter.net).

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CANDIDATES FORUM: The Monson Democratic Town Committee 54th Annual Candidates' Night Event will take place 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Rd., Monson. All candidates on the ballot for Monson's June 8 town election are invited to speak. This event is an opportunity for candidates to connect with Monson voters. A light meal (burgers, hot dogs and chips) will be served for \$15 per ticket. To purchase tickets, text or call Patty Smith at 413-284-7801 or Sarah Pedder at 774-707-5563 or email Keith Valley at rkeithvalley@yahoo.com. All proceeds benefit the Monson Democratic Town Committee Scholarship Fund.

AT THE HOLLAND LIBRARY

New Saturday hours for Holland Library 3-8 p.m. Weekly hours are: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Coming this Summer: Tails and Tales Children's Summer Reading Program. Follow the Library on Facebook. Join the Community Book Club: The book club will meet online via Zoom. Copies of the monthly book selection, in a variety of formats, are available for curbside checkout at the library. Contact the Holland Community Center for more information by calling them at 413-245-3163. Like them on Facebook for updates. To Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 736 9214 3025; Passcode: p95795.

ONGOING

EVERYONE INVITED TO AQUACISE: The Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudia's Way, Ludlow, offer Aquacise for residents of Monson, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland and

Wales.

Aquacise will be offered 8-8:45 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Aquacise is a low-impact, full-body workout performed in the water to put less stress on your joints and muscles while building strength. To reserve a spot visit ludlowbgc.org and click on Adult Programs, or call Matt Thompson at 413-583-2072, ext. 122. For updates on the facility, register on the website to receive Club emails. The Club continues to make health and safety its No. 1 priority to ensure all visitors who enter the building have a clean and safe environment.

PALMER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORCE: Consists of business owners, community members, survivors and allies. The Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force promotes education and awareness in the community while empowering, educating and providing resources to those who have been affected by domestic violence and/or intimate partner Violence in Palmer or those who have found safety in Palmer. For help and meeting information, email palmerdvtf@gmail.com. All contact is confidential.

MUSIC LESSONS, YOGA AND MORE: Just because days are short, and the thermometer reads cold doesn't mean there's nothing to do. Hitchcock Academy constantly works with instructors to offer options to its community members. Look for upcoming classes in yoga, tai chi, meditation, and fencing. Hitchcock Academy follows all current COVID guidelines for cleaning and social distancing and anyone using the facility must wear a mask.

All information regarding current class offerings, events, and registration are available at hitchcockacademy.org.

FREE FOOD PROGRAM: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has found a way to get food to families that need it. The Farmers to Families program, set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is part of a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program that help people all over the nation and has a site in Springfield open to all residents. The program will supply food kits with fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat products that distributes package into family-sized boxes. You can register for your food kit at mmsf.org. On the website choose "Springfield, Ma" as your pick up site and sign-up. Register for one week or all four with easy one time registration. Food kit includes fresh dairy, protein, and produce totaling 30+ pounds of food. Military families are encouraged to sign-up but registration is open to the public.

BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children's books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-9952 for more information. While currently closed, we are anticipating reopening later this year.

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY: Want to learn more about local history? The Elbow Plantation Historical Society is available for research and other information. They can be reached at elbow.plantation@gmail.com. Send them your questions and comments and leave your preferred contact information and they will will respond asap.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M. located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club

tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE: Residents of Palmer, Thorndike, Bondsville and Three Rivers seeking emergency help with fuel assistance, utility payments/shut off, food, and clothing can contact the Salvation Army in Canton, MA at 339-502-5900. This is the office located in Canton, MA. If eligible, staff there will be able to address your concerns and provide assistance until the local Palmer office is once again staffed by a volunteer outreach coordinator.

MAKE A DONATION to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? "Christianity Explored" is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-250-8548.

MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month over Zoom. Contact Chair Karen Nothe-Valley at 413-846-3041 or karen_monsondems@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold 'Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit www.nerna.org.

PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC., an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

AL-ANON FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY meetings - a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve our common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. The group meets Fridays at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

GREENE ROOM PRODUCTIONS is seeking people who would like to support the arts by being a part of its fund-raising committee/booster club. The club is looking to fundraise, find sponsors, donors, and underwriters for upcoming productions, workshops, and educational opportunities. All interested individuals are invited to the next board meeting. If you are interested in being a part of Greene Room Productions or for more information, contact Erin Greene at (413) 668-7284 as soon as possible.

FREE HEALTH SERVICES are available at the Monson Council on Aging from 9 – 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Services include a free blood pressure and glucose check. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 267-4121. Walk-ins are welcome.

FAMILY GAMBLING-ANON GROUP on the first and third Monday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Haynes Chapel (behind the sanctuary) at Sturbridge Federated Church at Maple Street and Route 131 in Sturbridge. For those interested in gaining more support to promote your gambling recovery. To join this new group, call Doug at 508-887-1696 or Dee at 508-347-2122 or just come to the meeting.

LIBRARY LOFT Used Book Store at Schoolhouse Commons, 1085 Park St. (Route 20) in Palmer. Regular winter hours are: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Book donations will be accepted at the Palmer Public Library or at the Library Loft during open hours. Please, no magazines or Reader's Digest Condensed Books. We accept books only in good, clean condition. For more information, call 283-3330, ext. 100, or visit www.palmer.lib.ma.us.

THE MONSON COUNCIL ON AGING Meals on Wheels drivers deliver delicious home cooked meals to Monson Seniors (age 60+) in their homes every Monday through Friday. Seniors who could benefit from receiving a home delivered meal are those just returning from a stay in the hospital, rehab unit or nursing home, those who live by themselves and find it difficult to get out, and frail seniors who are alone much of the day while family members are at work. The Meals on Wheels program provides seniors with a daily hot nutritious meal, and a friendly visitor during the middle of the day. Meals can be ordered every day, or only as needed. Call the Monson Senior Center at 267-4121, for more info and to enroll. The requested donation is \$2.50 per meal. The Monson COA Nutrition Program is funded, in part, by a grant from Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc.

THE MONSON ARTS COUNCIL is seeking new members. One does not have to be a resident of the town of Monson to become a member. The Arts Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the arts to Monson and the region and it depends upon membership dues for support and the ability to provide various programs. The public is welcome to attend the council's monthly meetings, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the House of Art. The council welcomes new program ideas and participation in all activities. For more info, call 267-9764.

GED MATH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Top Floor Learning, Inc. at the Palmer Public Library is accepting applications for helping adults pass the GED Math test. Adults who have a high school diploma and good math skills in algebra, geometry, and word problems are eligible to apply. Call 283-2329 for info.

A SUPPORT GROUP FOR COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS, Gam-Anon of Longmeadow, invites all family and friends of people with gambling addictions to its weekly meetings. The Gam-Anon group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, 763 Longmeadow Street (corner of routes 5 & 192) in Longmeadow. For more info, visit www.gam-anon.org, or call (800) 266-1908.

INTERESTS

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM at 35 Ely Rd., Monson is closed until further notice due to the continuation of the COVID 19 pandemic. There will be no meetings, tours, events or programs. They are hoping to hold the Concert on the Lawn in August.



CLUES ACROSS

- Large, flightless birds
- Lifts and moves heavy objects
- Hyundai sedan
- Wear away by erosion
- Arranged alphabetically
- Top prosecutor
- de-sac: Short dead-end street
- Digital audiotape
- Linguistics pioneer
- Singer DiFranco
- Arms of the sea
- Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
- Ballplayer's accessory
- You get one at the beach
- U.S. founding father
- W. Australia indigenous people
- Amounts of time
- Put on the shelf

CLUES DOWN

- Midway between northeast and east
- Partner to cheese
- One from Utah
- A way to move
- Playing cards
- Baseball stat
- Long river in western Asia
- Grandmothers
- Entertainment legend Sullivan
- Steam bath room
- One who kills
- Food
- Swiss river
- Fleet
- Taxi
- Working class
- More (Spanish)
- High schoolers' test
- Large heavily built

- Russian dynasty member
- City along the Elbe River
- A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
- Actor Damon
- King Cole, musician
- Company that rings receipts
- Scatter
- Basics
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- Indicates silence
- Moved quickly on foot
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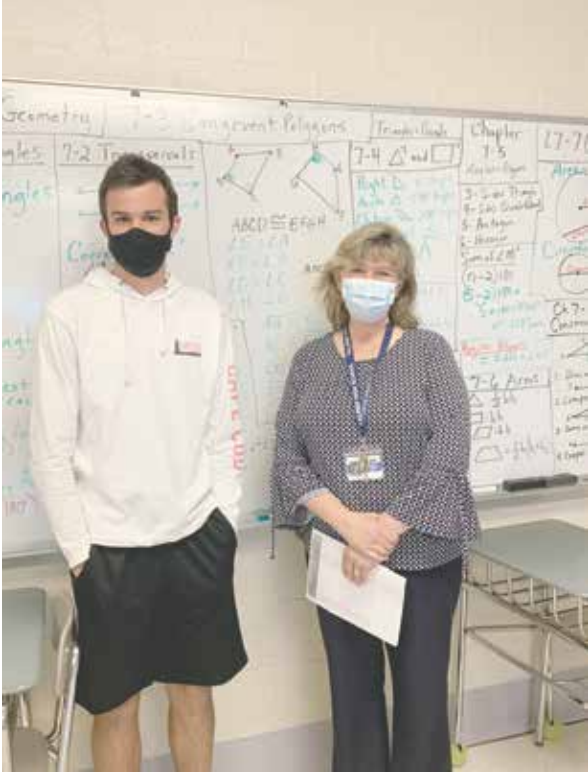
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- Morsel
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- Conclude by reasoning
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- Yugo's hatchback
- Check
- Press against lightly
- Wind-pollinated plants
- compoop
- Commercial

In the classroom

School-to-career students, mentors, honored at annual awards event



Monson High student Leanna Craven with her mentor Geoff Farrington at the Law Offices of Bohnet, Romani & Farrington. They were named Outstanding Student and Mentor Team at the recent RESTC recognition event.



Courtesy photos



Connor Santos



Aaliyah Placanico

Palmer High School student Jack Letendre and his mentor Sheila Browne worked together at the Palmer district office and were named one of the Outstanding Student and Mentor Teams.

PALMER — River East School-To-Career held its annual Business and Education Recognition to celebrate businesses and outstanding high school student-mentor teams that participated in Work-Based Learning experiences as well as award recipients of RESTC’s annual scholarship program.

This year’s event was held April 30 via Zoom because of the pandemic.

The recognition program was an uplifting event that provided a venue for students, educators, and business partners to share their stories about the powerful impact of Work-Based Learning (internship/co-op) experiences. According to RESTC, properly designed and implemented college and career readiness programs like internships and co-operative education are proven methods for developing capable employees for our future workforce.

Baystate Health received the Business Champion award in recognition of their dedication to the health and wellness of people in local communities during these exceptional times and their ongoing support of Work-Based Learning and Career Development.

Palmer Outstanding Student and Mentor Teams that were recognized:

- Jack Letendre, Palmer High School; Mentor, Sheila Browne; Worksite: Palmer School District
- Nicole Tessa, Pathfinder High School; Mentor, Nate Shattuck; Worksite: Devon Lane Farm Supply, Inc.

Palmer scholarship recipients for this year:

- Aaliyah Placanico, Palmer High School

• Nicole Tessa, Pathfinder High School

The outstanding Student and Mentor Team from Monson was Leanna Craven, Monson High School and her mentor Geoff Farrington at the worksite of Law Offices of Bohnet, Romani & Farrington.

Scholarship recipient from Monson for this year was Connor Santos, Monson High School.

Event Sponsors were Country Bank, Burkhart Pizzanelli & Stephen R. Chiacchia, CPA, BayState Wing Hospital, and Asnuntuck Community College.

Scholarship sponsors this year were Quabbin Wire & Cable Company, Inc., River East STC, Luso Federal Credit Union, Gaudreau Legacy Fund Jules and Maureen Gaudreau, and Monson Savings Bank.

The mission of RESTC is to promote K-16 career education and to assist in preparing youth for the demands of the 21st century workplace. The River East School-to-Career Partnership brings together schools, businesses, and organizations to create exciting career exploration opportunities for students. Their aim is to help students make informed decisions regarding their career and educational goals. In the past five years, over 1,000 students have participated in School-to-Career activities including Belchertown, Hampden-Wilbraham, Longmeadow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder Regional VTHS, and Ware.

For more information on the services that RESTC provides, call Amy Scribner, executive director, at 413-283-5051, email her at ascribner@rivereast-stc.org, or visit rivereast-stc.org.

Scholarship offer for agriculture-oriented students

The Hampden County Improvement League is awarding scholarships in the amount of up to \$1,000 to high school seniors who meet certain criteria. The applications are available at area high schools and are due June 21.

Recipients must be a resident of Hampden County for at least two years, be a good student and must show current or previous involvement in 4-H, an agricultural endeavor, or be a member of a farm family. The Hampden County Improvement League was established Jan. 25, 1913, to promote agriculture and farm family life in Hampden County.

HCIL is committed to encouraging youth to challenge themselves and work towards their potential by furthering their education after high school. To help meet this financial commitment the League established a scholarship fund in 1993. Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of up to \$1,000 each. The recipient will continue to receive the award throughout his/her post-secondary education. Call 413-786-1432 (Sue) or 413-575-1759 (Maryellen) for questions or more information, or see your school guidance counselor.

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Nature trails are open daily until dusk for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts). For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org. Visit their new website, where you can take a virtual tour, at keephomesteadmuseum.org.

THE QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The

Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

MONSON WOODWACKERS wood carving club meets every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND. Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.



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River gets some TLC



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assistant for the Town of Palmer, said keeping local rivers clean benefits everyone.

“Clean and healthy rivers provide everything from clean drinking water to recreation opportunities to fish and wildlife habitat,” she said.

“Participating in a river cleanup is one way that citizens can do their part for the rivers we all love. Rivers connect us to each other, to nature, and to future generations. It is wonderful to see so many people in Palmer and across the country taking action to protect and restore their rivers and clean water,” said Bob Irvin, president of American Rivers.

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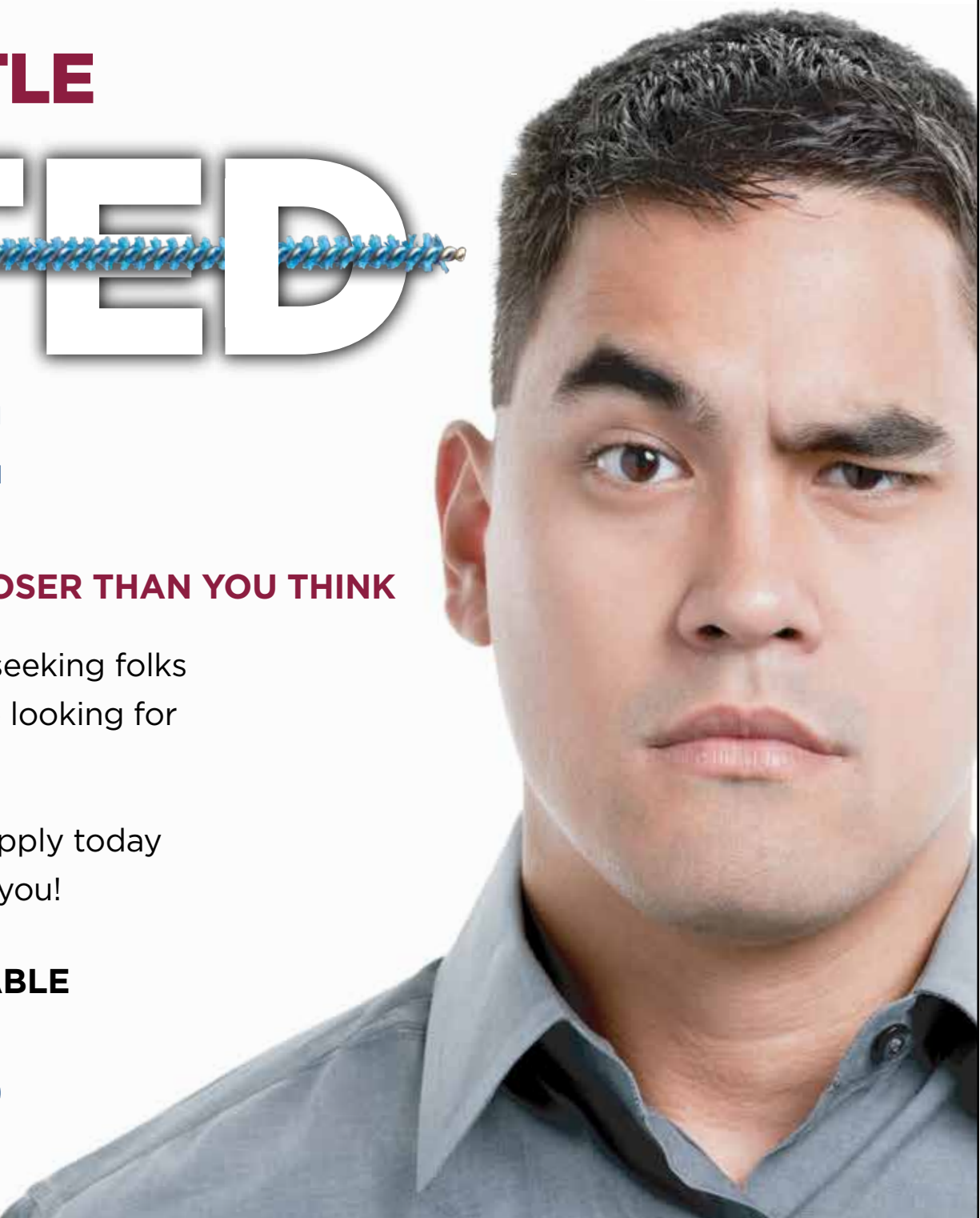
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FOOTBALL

Bailey Award



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Jacob Mastalerz and his family at the April 23 football game held at Ludlow High School. Mastalerz received the 52nd annual Leonard J. Bailey Award Trophy from his older brother, Kyle, during a ceremony held at halftime. Kyle Mastalerz received the prestigious award in 2017.

BASEBALL

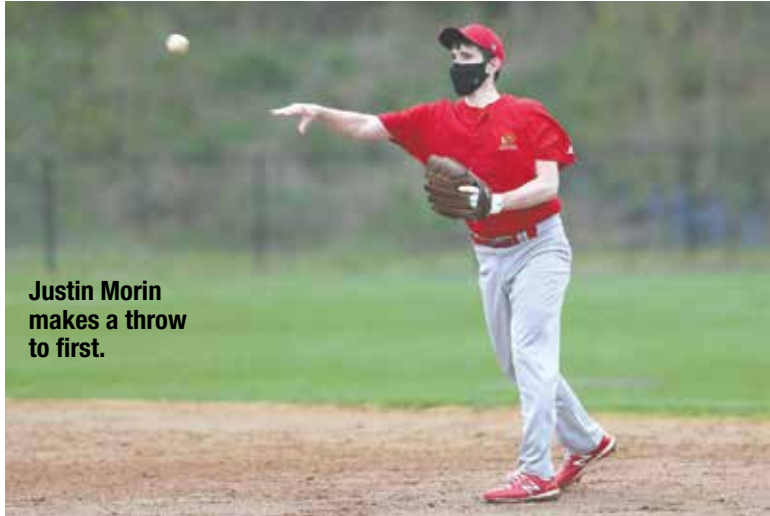
Valley Wheel action opens



Angels third baseman Mike Dean, of Wilbraham, fields a grounder.



Twins pitcher Dan Benoit fires to the plate.



Justin Morin makes a throw to first.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



The Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League opened up play last week after the 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUFFIELD, Conn. — The Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, like many other leagues in 2020, lost its season last year due to the pandemic. Players in the league participated in their first action in almost two years last



Kevin Little, of Palmer, pitches in the opening game for the Angels at Suffield High School.

Sunday, May 2. The league features six teams playing most of its games on Sunday afternoons. The league did have its traditional Saturday matinee for Mother's Day weekend this past week.

AUTO RACING

Kruczek picks up win at Star Speedway

WALPOLE, N.H. -- Bryan Kruczek passed the entire field -- at least twice -- en route to his first career Granite State Pro Stock Series win at Star Speedway on Saturday, May 8. Kruczek, who was fastest in time trials and won his heat race, started seventh -- but had to go to the rear on at least two different occasions. The Bobby Webber Racing driver didn't let that slow him down, as he took the Vynorius No. 19 into Victory Lane in the third GSPSS race of the season, the Hedges Excavating 100. "I'm out of breath," Kruczek said, climbing from the car. "I had to pass a lot of cars out there. I can't thank all of my guys enough, my guys are second to none. Bobby Webber lets me come out here and tells me to hand him the steering wheel or the trophy. We have some awesome sponsors."

Angelo Belsito and Joey Pole started on the front row -- with Belisto taking the early advantage looking for his second straight win, and former series champion Devin O'Connell mounting an early charge to the lead with 33 laps complete. Pole took the lead on a restart with 58 laps to go, but couldn't hold back the charges of Kruczek in the late laps.

Kruczek's day included contact and a spin by Jacob Dore, which sent both to the rear, and contact and a spin with Evan Beaulieu, which sent both to the rear. He pitted multiple times to the attention of his Bobby Webber Racing crew, but the car was right at the end. He passed Pole for the top spot with 24 laps to go -- however, a caution late gave Pole on last chance.

Pole edged out for the lead on the restart, crossing the line out front at lap 94 -- but slight contact a few laps later sent him backwards, and eventually spinning down the frontstretch, ending his day early. Kruczek held off a final charge from Josh King over the final laps to seal the victory.

King was second, followed by Dore, Belsito and Derek Gluchacki. Tyler Tomassi was

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SOFTBALL



Chelsea Bigos fields a grounder.



Avery Labonte gets the out at first base.



Jill Lombardi reaches out to get a force at home.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Palmer shut out in opener

SPRINGFIELD — Last Friday afternoon, it was a tough start to the season as Palmer lost to Central 22-10 in a mercy-rule shortened game. Palmer was not shut out of the scoring, but had a tough time keeping the Golden Eagles off the scoreboard. Palmer took advantage of a lot of works, with Madison Cole, Olivia Coughlin, and Avery Labonte managing the only hits in the game. Coughlin and Labonte scored two runs each.



Ashley Bransky fires to the plate.

SOCCER

Pioneers return to action

It was not in front of any fans, but the Western Pioneers were back in action last Friday night

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — When Maxi Viera first joined the Western Mass. Pioneers back in 2012, he knew very little about the history of the club and about historic Lusitano Stadium.

Viera, who's originally from Montevideo, Uruguay, is one of the Pioneers veteran players on this year's team. He likes to tell the younger players how special it is to wear a Pioneers uniform and what it means to play home matches at the only soccer specific stadium in New England. "Playing soccer matches at this



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Maxi Viera makes a dodge to keep the ball from being taken away.

stadium is very special because of the history," Viera said. "It's also very important for us to have a suc-

cessful season every year because we're representing both the club

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Premier Lacrosse League training camp to be held at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough

FOXBOROUGH – The Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) powered by Ticketmaster announced today it will be holding their 2021 Training Camp at Gillette Stadium from May 28 through June 3, 2021 leading up to their Week 1 matchups at Gillette Stadium.

"There's not a venue as closely connected to lacrosse, with world-class facilities and amenities like Gillette Stadium and One Patriot Place," says co-founder and CEO, Mike Rabil. "With our opening weekend of games slated for June 4th, our athletes will receive the best care while preparing for the start of the season on location."

During this time, PLL players will take part in official team practices, scrimmages, preseason

workouts, film sessions, and educational workshops with their coaches ahead of their regular season debuts. Training Camp will be closed to the public, but tickets are still available for Opening Weekend at Ticketmaster.com.

"We look forward to hosting the PLL's Training Camp at Gillette Stadium for the first time this spring, in addition to hosting the league's Opening Weekend," said Kraft Group President-International Dan Kraft, who was a collegiate lacrosse goalie for Tufts University in the 1980s and served on the executive Board of the 2018 Federation of International Lacrosse's World Championships Host Committee. "Hosting training camp is another important step in our

strong relationship with the PLL and we cannot wait to welcome the nation's best lacrosse players, including former Patriot Chris Hogan, back to Gillette Stadium. While training camp will be closed to the public, we are excited to welcome fans to Gillette Stadium June 4 through June 6 to enjoy five riveting PLL matchups all weekend long."

As part of PLL's Training Camp, pre-season exhibition games will be hosted at Veterans Memorial Stadium on June 1. More information on schedule and tickets for pre-season exhibition games forthcoming.

The PLL season will begin at Gillette Stadium for the second time, getting underway with a primetime matchup between Cannons LC and Redwoods LC

under the lights on Friday, June 4. Saturday's slate includes a championship rematch between Whipsnakes LC and Chaos LC, followed by Archers LC taking on Atlas LC. On Sunday afternoon, Cannons LC will return to the field against Waterdogs LC, and the weekend will be capped off with a matchup between Chrome LC and Redwoods LC.

The entire 2021 PLL season will be viewable on the NBCU family of networks, with all games available to stream live and on-demand on Peacock. The 2021 season will feature more than half of its games on NBC and NBCSN, with a full broadcast schedule to be announced at a later date.

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and this community."

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast Division standings with an 11-0-3 mark, qualified for the USL League Two playoffs in 2019. They kicked off the 2021 campaign by posting a 3-0 shutout win over Fall River FC in a friendly match held under the bright lights at Lusitano Stadium, last Friday night.

"The good thing about tonight's match is that I had the opportunity to watch 20 players play prior to our first regular season match," said Pioneer's head coach Federico Molinari. "We do have a bunch of returning players and a couple of newcomers. We just want to be a competitive team again this year."

Because of the COVID-19 protocols, no spectators could attend last Friday's friendly match. The 2020 soccer season was also canceled due to the pandemic.

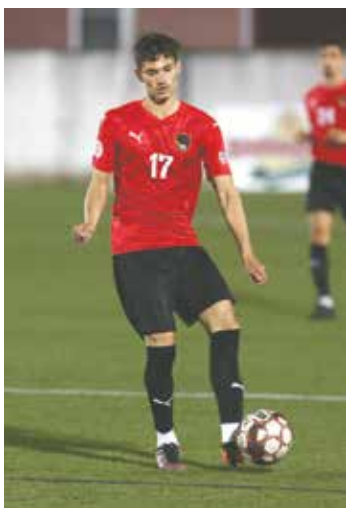
"It was very strange not playing any matches for the Pioneers last year, especially following a very successful 2019 season," Viera said. "We really want to perform well this season and make the playoffs again."

What makes attending matches at Lusitano Stadium so special for the Pioneers faithful supporters is the atmosphere.

"It reminds me a lot of that soccer clubs that I played for back in Uruguay," Viera added. "The soccer fans here have a lot of passion for the sport. It's one of the reasons why we have so many international players on our team. When they come here and it feels like home to them, which is very special."

The Pioneers were scheduled to open the regular season with a road match against the Boston Bolts on Tuesday night. They're also slated to play another road match against FC Malaga City, who's a new team in the Northeast Division on Saturday night before hosting the Seacoast United Phantoms in the home opener on May 21.

The Pioneers officials are hoping a few fans will be allowed to attend the first home match of the regular season.



Chaney Nash Gibney gets the ball ready to fly.



Connor Hicks, of Monson, plays for the Pioneers last Friday night.

For more information about how to purchase tickets online please visit wmpioneers.com.

Another returning player this season is Blake Mullen, who's the Pioneers starting goalkeeper. He allowed a total of seven goals during the 2019 regular season.

"Whenever you start a soccer team, you normally begin at the back (goalkeeper) and work forward," said Viera, who's also the girls' varsity soccer coach at Ludlow High School. "Blake had an amazing season for us two years ago. It gives you a lot of confidence having a talented goalie like him back there. We're hoping he has another great season this year."



Gabriel Ganzer makes his way up the field



Patrick Agymang dribbles toward the sideline.

Mullen, of Manchester, Conn., played soccer at St. Joseph's College in Maine. That's where he first met Molinari.

"I was playing for a National Premiere Soccer League team in Maine and Federico found me," Mullen said. "I tried out for the team and I was a back-up goalie my first year playing here. It was a step up for me and I learned a lot that season. Federico is an outstanding coach. I've also learned a lot from Jon Voight, who's our goalie coach."

Mullen became the Pioneers starter in 2019 and he was the USL League Two Golden Glove winner that season.

"It's a very special award to me, but I couldn't have done it without the help of my defense," he said. "We had a great defense, and it was a spe-

cial season for us."

The Pioneers only returning defender is Federico Gutierrez.

Mullen has enjoyed playing home matches at Lusitano Stadium.

"It's awesome when all of the fans are here supporting us," Mullen said. "It pushes us to play a little bit harder because whenever you do lose a game at this stadium, the fans are disappointed. The atmosphere is always great following a victory."

Mullen was replaced by Robert Montanaro in the middle of the second half.

Another returning player is Connor Hicks, who lives in Monson.

"I was mainly a practice player in 2019, but I did get to play in a playoff game," said Hicks, a member of the AIC men's soccer team. "It was just an awesome experience for me."

When Hicks was younger, he attended a lot of the Pioneers games at the stadium.

"I remember coming to the Pioneers games when they played on a grass field," Hicks said. "It's now a turf field, but it's one of the best stadiums I've ever played soccer at. I really enjoy playing soccer for this team. I know that I'll have to work very hard at practice to get some playing time this year."

One of the Pioneers newcomers is Gabriel Ganzer, who is from Brazil and is living in Chicopee. He scored a goal and added an assist during the first half against Fall River.

Guillermo Deal, who's a returning player, and newcomer Andrew Barrowman scored the Pioneers other two goals.

Turleysports

Athlete of the Week

Avery Labonte

Palmer High School

In Palmer softball's opener, Labonte opened the season with a hit, two runs scored, and two walks for the Panthers.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Sign up for Quabbin Valley Baseball

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an age 28-and-over league which plays its games Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning in late April and concluding in late August. It is a six-team league and a 15-game schedule with all teams getting at least one playoff game at the end of August.

The league is seeking new players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups will continue to be open as

the league still has open roster spots for new players. Players who sign up in the first few weeks of the season should be able to be placed with a team.

The league's first games are scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league's website.

Valley Wheel seeks new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League is looking for new players for the 2021 season, which is set to begin at the end of April. Players who are 28-years-old prior to June 1 are eligible to play in the league this season, however, only those 30 by June 1 are eligible to pitch. The league includes six teams and there is a 15-game season that begins on Sunday, April 25. Games are 12 Sundays, a special Mother's Day weekend Saturday game, and two weekday night games under the lights. The season ends the final week of July with the playoffs

for the top four teams during the first two weeks of August. While tryouts have completed, there are still open roster spots among the six teams in the league. The league will continue to accept applications for new players throughout the season. All players bat and every player spends at least four innings in the field in a nine-inning game. The league will be playing with some minor modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic to start. For more information, please contact League Commissioner Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net.

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Bryan Kruczek was the winner in the Granite State Pro Stock race last weekend.

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sixth, while Gabe Brown, Beaulieu, O'Connell and Kevin Casper finished the top-10.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series returns to the track on Sunday, May 30, as part of a Memorial Day weekend special at Claremont Motorsports Park. For more information on the

Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit gspss.net and follow the series on social media.

The Finish:
Bryan Kruczek
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Angelo Belsito
Derek Gluchacki
Tyler Tomassi

Gabe Brown
Evan Beaulieu
Devin O'Connell
Kevin Casper
Bobby Cabral
Bill Helliwell
Joey Pole
Bobby Pelland
TJ Bleau
Mike Mitchell
Luke Hinkley

DEATH NOTICES

David Pease Carew, 93
Died: April 26, 2021

William O. Chaffee Sr., 74
Died: Jan. 24, 2018
Memorial Service: June 28
11 a.m. at Center Cemetery,
Worthington

Shirley E. Hicks, 92
Died: April 5, 2021
Services are private

Corsi, Keith A.
Dec. 1955-Dec. 2020
Memorial Service May 19
10 a.m. at Veterans'
Memorial Cemetery, Agawam

Robert E. Smith Jr., 71
Died: May 5, 2021
Celebration of Life to be
held at later date

William D. Sprout, 60
Died: May 3, 2021

O B I T U A R I E S

Dr. David Pease Carew, 93

IOWA CITY — Dr. David Pease Carew, Professor Emeritus of Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry in the University of Iowa’s College of Pharmacy, passed away on April 26, 2021, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Dave was born on Oct. 21, 1928, in Monson, Mass., to Ralph and Sara Carew. His father died from polio when Dave was only 3 years old, leaving his family, which included six sisters and a brother, to survive the Depression with their mother. Dave attended high school in Monson, Mass., where he was an outstanding student, athlete and class president. After high school, he served two years in the U.S. Army during the occupation of Japan. On Sept. 3, 1951, Dave married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Makepeace. Dave and Shirley first lived in Boston while Dave pursued his undergraduate and master’s degrees in pharmacy at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and then in Connecticut, where he earned his doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

In 1957, Dave, Shirley and their three young children moved to Iowa City where he joined the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy faculty as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacognosy. At Iowa, Dr. Carew conducted research in medicinal plant tissue culture. Part of his research included learning how medicinally active chemical compounds are formed in plants and producing medicinal compounds using

plant cell cultures.

In addition to his research and teaching at Iowa, Dr. Carew was the College of Pharmacy’s Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, Acting Dean, and Director of Alumni Relations. In addition to a multitude of professional articles, he published or co-published over 35 research studies. During his tenure at the University of Iowa, Dr. Carew served on numerous college, university, and national committees, including Honorary President of the Iowa Pharmacists Association and President of the American Society of Pharmacognosy. Dr. Carew lectured worldwide on plant tissue culture and was named a fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Teaching and leading his undergraduate and graduate students were his true passions. As a result of his work, Dr. Carew received the University of Iowa’s Marion L. Huit Award for “dedication to, concern for, and interaction with students” as well as the Michael J. Brody Award for “exceptional contributions to the UI and the community.”

In retirement, Dave and Shirley continued their many travels throughout the world. He always enjoyed her gourmet cooking, being her assistant gardener, and wearing one of the many sweaters she knit for him during their 62 years of mar-

riage. Dave’s integrity, kindness, and dry wit were hallmarks of his personality. His eyes twinkled when he knew he had said something cleverly funny. He was always interested and concerned about others, and about how “you” were doing. Dave was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and sisters, Mary Emerson, Jessie Gates, Helen Morris, Sara Jean Ouellette and Rachel Watrous.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan (Jud) Te Paske of Cordova, Tenn.; sons, Bruce (Peggy) Carew of North Venice, Fla., and Steven (Diane) Carew of Grimes, Iowa; grandchildren, Neal Te Paske, Loveland, Colo., David Carew, Appleton, Wis., Sarah Carew (Ben Luther), Onalaska, Wis., Russell (Heather) Carew, Ankeny, Iowa, and Brian Carew, Ankeny, Iowa; and great-grandchildren, Melody, Kamryn and Bailey Carew; brother, Ralph (Millie) Carew, Lansdale, Pa.; and sister, Florence Fenton, Monson, Mass. The family extends its deep appreciation to the hard-working, caring and imaginative staff of Oaknoll Retirement Residence for the care of their father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. Because of COVID-19 concerns, no public services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Food Bank at Community Crisis Services and Food Bank, 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, IA 52240; builtbycommunity.org/foodbank/. Online condolences may be sent to his family at gayandciha.com.

William O. Chaffee Sr., 74

TUCSON, ARIZ. — Bill Chaffee 74, a former resident of Russell, passed away on Jan. 24, 2018, with his wife by his side.

Born in Palmer to the late George E. and Alice M. Chaffee, Bill leaves his wife of 41 years, Brenda Pease Chaffee, his son William O. Chaffee Jr. and Russell Chaffee who predeceased him. He leaves behind five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bill was the oldest of a family of eight and

leaves behind three brothers and four sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill enjoyed hunting with his brothers and getting together with his brothers, sisters, and their families for picnics where there were always the big horseshoe matches. He was a master carpenter and after his retirement, Bill spent many



hours out in his second home “his shop.” There will be a graveside Memorial Service held at the Center Cemetery on Sam Hill Road in Worthington, at 11 a.m. on June 28 with a Celebration of Life immediately following at the Worthington Rod and Gun Club for those who are able to attend.

O B I T U A R I E S

Shirley E. Hicks, 92

Shirley E. Hicks, 92, passed away at home April 5, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 2, 1929, in Springfield to the late George Alphonso Ouellette and Elsie Miller. Shirley previously worked at Monson State Hospital in food service and as a healthcare worker. In her leisure, Shirley enjoyed baking, gardening, friends, family, church, and traveling especially to the beach.

To know her was to be blessed by a presence unbeknownst to most. Shirley always set her mind to it and just got it done no matter the obstacles. She will

be truly missed and her lessons will live on. She touched many lives and was always a true friend. Shirley was proud of her blue ribbons at the Big E for her heavenly apple pie and braided rugs.

Besides her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Richard N. Hicks, in 1999, as well as her children, John Hicks, James Hicks, and Nancy Bolduc. She will be forever missed by her daughters, Deborah Cardaropoli and Patricia Baldina.



Shirley also leaves behind her grandchildren, Amy, Kimmy, Tammy, Adam, Justin, Jockamo, Donald, Tracy and Anthony, as well as numerous great grandchildren. Shirley’s services will be held privately and at the convenience of

her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Shirley’s name may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation. Visit beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Robert E. Smith, Jr., 71

Robert E. Smith, Jr., 71, “Bumpy” as he was affectionately known to many, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2021, at Palmer Healthcare Center after a brief illness.

Bob was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Betty Smith; his daughter Polly (Smith) Franconeri and her husband Jason Franconeri; his son Robert E. Smith III and his wife Andrea Smith; his siblings Sheila, Charles, DJ, and Douglas; multiple nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. He is predeceased by his sister Josephine and his parents Robert E. Smith Sr. and Florence (Hayward) Smith.

Born in Boston, he grew up in the Fitchburg/Leominster area before venturing west to the Palmer area in 1970. Bob spent the majority of his adult life in Three Rivers. He was a long-time steam fireman for several local factories, as well as Monson Developmental Center. He was active in Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Bob was an avid reader, firearm enthusiast, music lover, and collector. His “collections” were well known to the family and local community. His great-



est joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

There will be no calling hours. A Celebration of Life for close family and friends will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be made to Palmer Ambulance Service, PO Box 676, Palmer, MA 01069.

Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home is entrusted with Robert’s care. To leave a memory, visit beersandstory.com.

William D. Sprout, 1960-2021

ELLINGTON, CONN. — William D. Sprout, 60, passed away May 3, 2021.

Bill was born May 24, 1960, in Ft. Eustis, Newport News, Va., to James E. Sprout and Marilyn F. (Phillips) Bolaske. He spent his formative years in Wales and was a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School.

He continued his education at Western New England College and then received a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from WPI. His dissertation, “Cloud-in-Cell analysis of a plunging airfoil: A Combination Eulerian/Lagrangian Approach,” focused on improving aircraft in-flight stability. Bill was employed at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford for over 29 years. Among his achievements were having two patents issued (6,619,909; 6,231,301) for some

of his work.

He enjoyed hiking, camping, geocaching and photography. In his younger years he played hockey and was a NA-SCAR fan. He was also a volunteer for Boy Scout Troop 2 in Tolland, Conn. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Matthews Church in Tolland.

Bill leaves his children; William T. Sprout of Irvine, Calif., Kathleen G. Sprout of Missoula, MT and Julia M. Sprout of Tolland.; his mother Marilyn F. Bolaske; his former wife, Mary M. Sprout of Tolland; a brother, James Sprout (Joanne) of Searsport, ME; sisters, Gail Jette (Joel) of Wales, Mary VonThaden (Daniel) of Brewster;



Kathleen Corriveau (Rusty) of Brimfield. William was predeceased by his father; a brother, Timothy Sprout and his step-father Joseph Bolaske.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 8, at St. Christopher’s Church in Brimfield. A visiting hour, to greet the family, was held before Liturgy of Christian Burial followed at Wales No. 4 Cemetery on Laurel Hill Road in Wales.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop 2 or the Knights of Columbus #6266, both in Tolland.

For online condolences, visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 369 calls and made three arrests or summons for arrests May 4-11. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Friday, May 7

Travis F. Dragomani, 47, of 461

Ference Rd., Ashford, was arrested at 5:12 p.m., on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and improper U-turn.

will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Saturday, May 8

Gregory James Jr. Paquette, 29, of 1340 Dwight St., Holyoke, was arrested at 10:26 p.m., on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department made four arrests or summons for arrests May 2-8. Those arrested

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Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 10 calls May 4 – 11:

On Tuesday, May 4, at 3:42 a.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Walnut Street. The department returned to service at 4:10 a.m.

On Thursday, May 6, at 1:04 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide incident on Mason Street. The department returned to service at 2 a.m.

On Thursday, May 6, at 10:08 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:27 a.m.

On Thursday, May 6, at 10:24 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Park Street. The department returned to service at 11 a.m.

On Friday, May 7, at 9:33 a.m., the department responded to a gas leak on Bennett Street. The department returned to service at 10:10 a.m.

On Saturday, May 8, at 7:33 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on High Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 8:17 p.m.

On Sunday, May 9, at 4:47 a.m., the department responded to a call,

requesting a smoke investigation on Chestnut Street. The department returned to service at 5:17 a.m.

On Monday, May 10, at 10:33 a.m., the department responded to a call requesting a medical assistance on Old Warren Road. The department returned to service at 11:23 a.m.

On Monday, May 10, at 11:35 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Bridge Street. The department returned to service at 11:55 a.m.

On Tuesday, May 11, at 12:03 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Dublin Street. The department returned to service at 12:31 a.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to one call May 3- 9.

On Sunday, May 9, at 7:22 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Bourne Street. The department returned to service at 7:36 p.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to one call May 4-10:

On Tuesday, May 4, at 5:23

a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on State Street. The department returned to service at 5:50 a.m.

On Thursday, May 6, at 12:54 a.m., the department responded to a good intent call on State Street. The department returned to service at 1:18 a.m.

On Sunday, May 9, at 2:57 p.m., the department responded to a brush fire on Manor Road. The department returned to service at 3:07 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to three calls and 17 EMS calls May 3-9:

On Saturday, May 8, at 6:21 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle crash in the area of Wilbraham Road. The department returned to service at 6:45 a.m.

On Sunday, May 9, at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to a brush fire on Peck Brothers Road. The department returned to service at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, May 9, at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Town Farm Road. The department returned to service at 4:00 p.m.

Good weather means great activity at Hitchcock Academy

Plant, tag sale and golf tournament planned for the next few weeks

BRIMFIELD — On Saturday, May 22, just in time for Memorial Day planting, Hitchcock Academy will be holding its Grow With Us plant sale fundraiser.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on the HFA lawn, just off Route 20 in Brimfield, there will be a huge assortment of annuals, perennials, vegetables and hanging planters.

Gardening is a great family activity, which provides the benefits

of sunshine, exercise, and cooperation. Bring the children and let them choose some of their own plants while you support Hitchcock Academy's community efforts. People who have already begun their gardening by dividing their plants are encouraged to donate their excess to Hitchcock for this fundraiser.

Hitchcock Academy's 11th annual Trash to Treasure Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, June 5, is a great time to sell those unwanted or unused items uncovered while quarantining in the pandemic. Registering for the Trash to Treasure Event at hitchcockacademy.org or by stopping in HFA and filling out a

form during regular business hours, means a seller's location with a short description of their unique goods will be included on a printed Town Wide Tag Sale map available starting the day before for \$2.

A free online version will be available on the HFA website.

According to HFA Executive Director Cindy Skowrya, "In 2020 there were over 55 participants in this event and HFA sold more than 400 printed maps the morning of the sale."

As it is a town wide sale it draws in bargain hunters from many of the surrounding communities, which adds incentive to participate.

In addition to uncovering terrific bargains, this event, while following Covid guidelines, provides an opportunity for friends and neighbors to get out and socialize.

Skowrya is also excited to announce that Hitchcock will be sponsoring a new summertime event this year. Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 a.m. marks tee time at the Fore A Great Cause Golf Tournament to be held at the Heritage Country Club in Charlton. Heritage Country Club is an 18-hole championship course, considered one of Central Massachusetts' finest public golfing venues. At 6,710 yards, the par 71 course offers players of all abilities

a superior golfing experience. The registration fee provides the option to sign up with a team or individually, and it includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a steak dinner at the end of the day, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the tournament. Interested golfers can sign up to play at hitchcockacademy.org.

Skowrya also notes that there are several levels of sponsorship opportunities available for the tournament. Organizations, which are interested in supporting Hitchcock Academy's community programming goals, while simultaneously increasing their outreach, are urged to call Skowrya at 413-245-9977 for

more information.

The Grow With Us Plant Sale, the Trash to Treasure Town Wide Tag Sale and the Fore a Great Cause Golf Tournament mark the beginning of what Hitchcock Academy plans for a busy summer. Skowrya said some of the plans for the summer months are concerts on the common, movie nights and the annual Sip and Stars fundraiser.

"We hope to be busy," Skowrya said, "and to really make the most of the good weather and the ability for people to gather again."

May is Electrical Safety Month

Help your home keep up with modern life

STOW – Fire officials announced that May is Electrical Safety Month and urge everyone to take time to make sure they are practicing electrical safety.

Was your house built before everyone had washers, dryers, dishwashers, toaster ovens microwaves, air conditioners, coffee makers, computers and gaming consoles? Maybe it is time to have your electrical system checked out by a professional to see if it has kept up with your needs.

"People seem to be as afraid of calling an electrician for a check-up as they are of going to the dentist. But if you are using extension cords permanently instead of temporarily or converting a three-prong appliance to fit in a two-prong outlet, those are signs it is time to make that call," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "Small upgrades over time can ensure your home safely keeps up with modern life for your family or your tenants," he added.

Chief Michael C. Newbury, president of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts said, "There's no great mystery to preventing electrical fires. Don't overload circuits or power strips; know the warning signs; and have an electrician check out your system every 10 years."

Know the warning signs

"Call your local fire department immediately if you have warning signs such as arcs, sparks, or short circuits," advises Newbury. "Other warning signs include hearing a sizzling or buzzing sound or smelling a vague odor of something burning. Immediate attention to these signs can save lives," he added, "Firefighters can use thermal imaging technology to see excessive heat inside the walls."

- Call a professional electrician soon if you have any of these warning signs:
- Frequently blown fuses or

tripped circuit breakers;

- Dim or flickering lights, bulbs that wear out too fast;
- Overheated plugs, cords or switches;
- Shock or mild tingle – more than normal static electricity;
- Loose outlets or unusually warm or faulty outlets or switches;
- Permanently using power strips or extension cords;
- Defeating the ground plug on appliances so they fit into a 2-prong outlet.

Don't Overload Circuits and Power Strips

"During the warm weather, we see many fires started by air conditioners plugged into extension cords or power strips instead of directly into the outlet," said Ostroskey, "They are not designed to carry the power load of heavy duty appliances."

Another way to prevent electrical fires is to limit the number of devices plugged into any single outlet or circuit. Plugging too many things into a single outlet or circuit can overload them and start fires.

Shortly after midnight on Jan. 5, 2020, the Fitchburg Fire Department responded to a fatal electrical fire in a two-family home. Arcing from a surge protector in the living room ignited a nearby pillow. The victims, a 61-year old man and a 50-year old man, were asleep at the time of the fire. The building did not have sprinklers and damages from this fire were estimated to be \$79,000.

On April 12, 2020, at 2:22 a.m., the Nantucket Fire Department responded to a fatal electrical fire in a single-family home. An unspecified short circuit arc in the living room started the fire. The victim was a 27-year old man. The home did not have any smoke alarms. The building did not have sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$389,548.

On Aug. 2, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., the Worcester Fire Department responded to a fatal electrical fire in a single-family home. An unspecified electrical malfunction in an office in

the home started the fire. The victim was a 50-year old man. One firefighter was injured at this fire. It was undetermined if the home had any smoke alarms, but it did not have sprinklers. Damages from this fire were estimated to be \$207,000.

Avoid using extension cords. Another frequent cause of fires is using extension cords. Avoid using them if possible, but remember they are for temporary use only and not designed to substitute for the wall outlet. Plug all heat-producing and major appliances like space heaters, irons, toasters and air conditioners directly into the wall outlet; otherwise, the safety mechanism provided by circuit breakers and fuses is nullified. Do not link extension cords together; each connection is another possible failure point.

Around noon on July 14, 2020, the Cambridge Fire Department responded to an electrical fire in an 8-unit apartment building. Five firefighters were injured at this fire started by an extension cord. The building did not have sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$600,000. The fire spread to a nearby building causing another \$10,000 in damage.

Watch out for pinching cords. Heavy furniture can easily pinch an electrical cord and over time that can lead to a fire. Do not run cords underneath rugs; it is both a trip hazard and a fire hazard. Unplug appliances by grasping the plug; do not pull by the cord.

From 2015 – 2019, Massachusetts fire departments reported 2,751 home fires caused by electrical problems. These fires caused 27 civilian deaths, 16 civilian injuries, 72 fire service injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$38.5 million. Electrical fires are the second leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts.

For more information on electrical fire safety in English and Spanish go to <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/electrical-fire-safety>.

STCC Shays' Rebellion website serves as valuable resource for schools, historians

SPRINGFIELD – When teaching early U.S. history, professor John Diffley covers Shays' Rebellion, which sparked an armed uprising of farmers on the ground where Springfield Technical Community College now stands.

Diffley can walk his students outside of the classroom and onto the picturesque campus green, where rebel Massachusetts farmers gathered in 1787 to attack the U.S. government's arsenal. STCC is part of the National Historic Site, which includes historic buildings and the Springfield Armory museum overseen by the National Park Service.

But the professor also can take them back in time using a powerful modern tool: STCC's Shays' Rebellion website at shaysrebellion.stcc.edu. The website, developed in 2006 with grant funding STCC received from the National Endowment for the Humanities, recently was upgraded and made more accessible to the public.

"The website is a great asset to have. I use it in my U.S. history classes as well as a class I do on Springfield history," Diffley said.

In Diffley's classroom, the lesson about Shays' Rebellion often prompts questions about modern times. He said students connect the historic event to headlines in the news today.

"Some saw parallels with what happened in January at the U.S. Capitol," Diffley said. "People talk about high taxes, high debt, which were issues facing citizens during the time of Shays' Rebellion. They see this as something continuing and still affecting us today for better or worse."

Visitors to the website can find a wealth of information,

including painted illustrations showing the STCC campus as it appeared in 1787 when it was the site of the United States Arsenal at Springfield. The site lists biographies of historic figures and even music of the late 18th century. Popular songs included titles such as "Juice of Barley," "Address to the Ladies," and "Hunt the Squirrel." Audio is embedded.

"One of the great things is that the website was a collaboration between STCC, the Springfield Armory National Historic Site and the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association," Diffley said. "A lot of the material written on the website is from actual historians."

Educators and historians from coast to coast use the website to find details about the insurrection in Western Massachusetts. Diffley said the website gives STCC a national audience. He recalled getting contacted by a teacher in the Pacific Northwest who wanted more information about Shays' Rebellion.

Led by Daniel Shays, the rebellion included farmers who were outraged when creditors demanded they pay their debts immediately. Only three years after the end of the American Revolution, thousands of Massachusetts citizens took up arms against their new state government.

STCC's School of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and the Honors Program in January 2020 co-sponsored a symposium on the history of Shays' Rebellion, an event that brought scholars, historians, archaeologists and others together for presentations about the insurrection. The website has served as a valuable tool for presenters.

Other symposium sponsors included the Springfield Armory

National Historic Site, the National Park Service and the Pioneer Valley History Network.

"The rebellion wasn't successful in the immediate aspect, but it certainly had a huge impact on the direction the country was going," said Alexander MacKenzie, curator of collections at the Springfield Armory National Historic Site.

MacKenzie tells visitors to the museum about the Armory's role in Shays' Rebellion. He said the website helps tell a broader story about the insurrection.

"Partnerships are a very important part of what we do," MacKenzie said. "We engage with school groups and the local community. The website for Shays' Rebellion is a really important tool in these classroom settings."

The Springfield Armory National Historic Site works on historic projects with partners throughout the community, including STCC.

"We are proud of our involvement in telling the story along with STCC and the PVHN, which is a resource for local history organizations in Western Massachusetts," MacKenzie said.

Looking ahead, organizations are preparing Revolution 250, which commemorates the 250 anniversary of the events that led to the American Revolution.

"Certainly, Shays' Rebellion has been classified by some as the last battle of the Revolution," he said. "Really, it's the formation of the country we know today. How much of that happened right here in our community is an amazing story. We really enjoy working with our partners to be able to tell that story, and it's a privilege."

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Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance M.G. L. Chapter 40A § 11 the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, **Thursday May 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**, remotely, on the application of Catherine Pienkos, Care for Animals, LLC for a Special Permit for variance from the requirements of Section 3.1, Dimensional & Density Regulations, of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks to operate Monson Small Animal Clinic, a veterinary practice at the property located at 2 Main St 113, Lot 58, and is zoned General Commercial.

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Maxwell Edison was rescued by Bob Pandoli more than 15 months ago; he quickly became the coolest cat in the city.



Maxwell Edison was once a feral cat. After being rescued, his Facebook page has nearly reached 2,000 followers. Photos submitted by Bob Pandoli



Chicopee resident Bob Pandoli rescued feral cat Maxwell Edison in February of 2020. The decision had a positive impact on his life that he never would have predicted.

Max the Cat, Chicopee's most beloved pet

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff writer

CHICOPEE – On Feb. 1, 2020, Chicopee resident Bob Pandoli made a decision that would forever alter his life. It was that day that he opened his residence to Maxwell Edison, a feral cat, who was struggling to survive a bitter winter.

More than 15 months later, Maxwell remains alive and well, under the care of Pandoli. Thousands of residents have shared in the adventure. A Facebook page titled “The Journey of Maxwell Edison” has well over 1,000 followers.

For Pandoli, taking in Maxwell has been one of the most rewarding choices he’s ever made. He recently spoke to the Chicopee Register, making it known that Maxwell is thriving in his new home.

“Maxwell is doing great. In fact, in the last couple of months, it seems like he’s opened up tremendously. He’s really doing well,” said Pandoli.

Once skittish, Maxwell is now friendly. An animal that was once on his own, Maxwell has found companionship.

“He’s more like a dog than a cat,” said Pandoli. “I’ve had pets all my life. When I was a kid, we always had dogs. I had my first cat in 1984, when I was 31-years-old, and have had cats ever since. He’s like a dog. He follows me everywhere I go. He’ll be sleeping in his chair in the living room, I’ll get up and go in the bedroom, and he’ll follow me right in.”

Over the past 15 months, Maxwell has become an ambassador for the Thomas J. O’Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center in Springfield on Cottage St. The center is dedicated to helping animals in Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke.

Together, Pandoli and Maxwell have raised thousands of dollars for TJO, over the course of multiple fundraisers. A recent t-shirt drive, featuring an image of Maxwell, was a major success.

“It was the second one that we had. We actually broke our record, so to speak, from the previous one. We raised almost \$1,400, and that actually [began on] the one-year anniversary of finding Maxwell,” said Pandoli.

TJO provides animal control services in three cities. The center’s animal control officers respond routinely to service calls between 7a.m. and 10p.m.; emergency response for ill, injured or aggressive animals is available around the clock.

One can adopt a kitten under 12 months old from TJO for \$150; adult cats cost \$90. Puppies under 12 months of age can be adopted for \$300, while dogs older than a year cost \$250.

“From the beginning, Maxwell’s page has been all about TJO. It’s all about raising awareness of feral and homeless cats within our community and what we can do to help and how unbelievable TJO’s been and the things they do. I can’t say enough good things about them,” said Pandoli.

All animals available for adoption from TJO have received vaccinations appropriate to their age, are sprayed/neutered and have a microchip implant. More information can be found at tjoconnoradoptioncenter.com.

Moving forward, Pandoli expects to embark on a variety of new fundraisers. Residents could soon see Maxwell’s image on a hoodie or, maybe, even a coffee cup.

Adopting Maxwell has had a positive impact on Pandoli’s life that he could never have imagined. He assured Maxwell’s passionate followers that the Facebook page will continue to function for the foreseeable future.

“I always joke that it took Max off the street and keeps me off the street as well; doing all these Max things. It’s pretty amazing that people are so faithful in terms of following,” said Pandoli. “In a million years, I never thought Maxwell’s page would still be going after 15 months and have close to 2,000 followers and have people so faithful to the page.”

Dalton Zbierski is an Editor and can be reached at dzbierski@turley.com.

MOVIE REVIEW

“Nobody” derivative, but fun if you like the genre

By Bob Garver

NOTE: This review is coming from a person who loves a good violent action movie. If the genre isn’t for you, this movie isn’t for you.

“Nobody” wears its resemblance to the “John Wick” movies on its sleeve. David Leitch, director of the first “Wick” film, is a producer for this movie, and the advertising hasn’t been shy about playing up that connection. Like the “Wick” series, this movie takes place in a world of sophisticated gangsters and assassins. I’d say it could be a shared universe, but the characters in this movie use gold bars and paper money (which can be burned dramatically) for currency instead of those cute doubloons, so... not the same.

Bob Odenkirk stars as Hutch Mansell, a seemingly meek suburban dad who is stuck in a rut. He’s unhappy in his job working for his father-in-law (Michael Ironside), his wife Becca (Connie Nielsen) isn’t affectionate, and everybody thinks he’s a wimp, including his own son Blake (Gage Munroe). When a pair of burglars break into his house and assault Blake, nobody is surprised that Hutch takes a path of inaction and lets them get away. The official word from the police is that he did the right thing, but even some of the officers think he should have taken more steps to protect his family.

Hutch lets people know that he’s a former “auditor,” which people assume means a boring accounting job, but ac-



tually means highly-trained assassin. He hasn’t tapped into that particular set of skills (did you think I was going to review a movie about an assassin in his late 50’s and not make that reference?) for a while, but against the advice of his brother Harry (RZA), he’s compelled to do so in the name of catching the burglars. The results of the investigation prove disappointing, and he’s left wanting to take his anger out on somebody. Fortunately some Russian mobsters happen upon the bus he’s riding and start harassing a young woman. The good news is that he’s able to put them in the hospital guilt-free, satisfying his bloodlust. The bad news is that one of them is the brother of the powerful, dan-

gerous Yulian (Aleksei Serebryakov), who vows revenge on Hutch.

From there, the movie is pretty standard action movie fare. Yulian’s men pay a visit to Hutch’s house, and Hutch unleashes the full power of his background. The henchman try to get to Hutch through his elderly father (Christopher Lloyd), but that doesn’t go well for them either. Hutch sends a message to Yulian through his stronghold of money, which destroys his reputation and career. The two are set for an epic confrontation where Yulian brings an army to a metalwork factory, which Hutch has tricked out “Home Alone”-style. The fight is about 50-1, and we know that things can only end badly for

at least 49 of the 50, and probably all of them unless someone really wants to save cool villain Yulian for a sequel.

My on-the-spot reaction to “Nobody” was to call it “sporadically awesome.” I loved the extended fight scene on the bus, the attack on Hutch’s house, the attack on Hutch’s father, the final showdown, and scenes where Hutch tries to intimidate people with varying degrees of success. But the rest of the movie is familiar “assassin gets dragged out of retirement” territory.

At one point, Hutch goes to get help from a character called “The Barber” (Colin Salmon). A character in an assassin movie named after an innocuous occupation – never seen that before. Stuff like that makes the movie seem hacky and unoriginal. What does make the movie seem original is the performance from Odenkirk, the former sketch comedy player turned dramatic actor turned historical actor (my mind was blown when he showed up in “Little Women”) now turned action star. He’s shrewdly cast as the last guy you’d expect to be dangerous. In other words, he’s somebody who makes the perfect “Nobody.”

Grade: B-

The film is rated R for strong violence and bloody images, language throughout and brief drug use. Its running time is 92 minutes.

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.

RMV cautions customers about scam

Agency does not send text messages to customers

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is cautioning customers to be aware of a text phishing scam that has been reported here in the commonwealth and in other states. The

scam reportedly involves customers receiving text messages, claiming to be from the “DMV,” which direct them to click on a provided link to update their personal identifying contact information. Customers can identify this type of text as a phishing scam because it includes “DMV” and in Massachusetts DMV is not the name of the Registry of

Motor Vehicles; in Massachusetts, the name of the Registry is abbreviated as “RMV.” Any text using the phrase “Department of Motor Vehicles” or “DMV” should be deleted.

Please note that the RMV does not send unsolicited requests for personal and/or contact information to customers by text. Any communication by text

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Saint John Street, Palmer, MA 01069

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott A. Beauvais and Aimee L. Beauvais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Homeland Mortgage Company, and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015A+**, said mortgage dated December 2, 2004 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14686, Page 235, and affected by the Judgment recorded May 12, 2015 in Book 20699 at Page 312 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homeland Mortgage Company to CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment dated September 25, 2009 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 18018, Page 356; said mortgage was assigned from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A by assignment dated August 16, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21814, Page 315; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A to Granite Investment Group by assignment dated June 19, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21940, Page 581; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **June 11, 2021 at 01:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

LOT A

A certain lot or parcel of land located on the easterly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden county, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as lot a as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27, said lot or parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the easterly sideline of St. John Street, Thence running along a curve to the right along an old fence at the easterly sideline of St. John Street, 201 feet, more or less, to an iron pin;

Thence turning and running s. 70° 13' 30" e., 148.10 feet along lot B as shown on said plan to an iron pin;

Thence turning and running s. 12° 50' 30" w., 200.20 feet along last-named land to an iron pin;

Thence turning and running n. 70° 13' 30" w., 150.00 feet along parcel 1 as shown on said plan to an iron pin, the point of beginning.

Being the same Property which Vernon S. Keith and Barbara A. Keith granted and conveyed unto Scott A. Beauvais and Aimee L. Beauvais, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated May 9, 2003 and recorded May 12, 2003 in the recorder's office of Hampden County, MA in Book 13181 Page 404 Document 94837.

PARCEL 1

A certain lot or parcel of land located on the easterly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as Parcel 1, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27.

PARCEL 3

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land located on the easterly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as Parcel 3 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27.

Total area containing 36,787 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

Subject to utility easement as shown on said Plan.

Tax parcel ID: 2719

The description of the property contained in the mortgage as affected by the judgment recorded in Book 20699 at Page 312 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 9, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13181, Page 404.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 40 Bethany Road, Monson, Massachusetts

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronald S. Midura and Shirley A. Midura to Chevy Chase Bank F.S.B. and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, said mortgage dated December 19, 2003, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 13905 at Page 450, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 9, 2019, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 22701 at Page 484, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **May 27, 2021, at 2:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Monson, Hampden County, situate on the westerly side of Bethany Road bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the westerly line of Bethany Road at land now or formerly of William T. Lewis and Emily Lewis, said pin being the northeast corner of the tract to be described, and running thence

WESTERLY: ALONG land now or formerly of William T. Lewis, et ux about 90 feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Marvin Lyon; thence TURNING AND RUNNING

SOUTHERLY: ALONG said Lyon land about 75 feet to an iron pin at other land now or formerly of said WILLIAM T. LEWIS, ET UX; thence TURNING AND RUNNING

EASTERLY: ALONG land now or formerly of said William T. Lewis, et ux about 90 feet to an iron pin in the westerly line of said Bethany Road; thence TURNING AND RUNNING

NORTHERLY: ALONG

the westerly line of said Bethany Road about 75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

RESERVING the right of Esther M. Lewis to occupy, rent and improve the premises for her entire natural life as a Reserved Life Estate.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES conveyed to the grantor by deed dated February 18, 1981 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 5070, Page 133. Eva Brown died in Palmer, MA, February 24, 1995.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated December 30, 1999, and recorded in Book 11056 at Page 462 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road,
Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 17-16339
05/06, 05/13, 05/20/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 45 Jim Ash Road, Palmer, MA 01069

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan J. Bryant to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., and now held by **The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23**, said mortgage dated October 7, 2006 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16260, Page 435, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23 by assignment dated September 19, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 22861, Page 176; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on June 11, 2021 at 02:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Village of Bondsville, Town of Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Jim Ashe Road, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a pipe in the easterly side of Jim Ashe Road, said pipe marking the southwest corner of the premises herein described and the northwest corner of land now or formerly of William J. Webb, et ux; thence

NORTH 59 degrees 1' E. along land of said Webb, 247 feet to a pipe; thence

NORTH 33 degrees 44', 20" W. along land of said Webb, 200 feet to a pipe; thence

SOUTH 59 degrees 6' W. along land now or formerly of Sumner R. Chapin, et ux, 238.70 feet to a pipe on the easterly side of Jim Ashe

Road; thence

SOUTH 31 degrees E. along the easterly side of Jim Ashe Road, 200 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Containing approximately one and one-tenth acres.

Being the same premises conveyed to Susan J. Bryant by deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 10264, Page 74.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 23, 1998 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10264, Page 74.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
05/13, 05/20, 05/27/2013

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Christopher Donohue, is seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval as required by section 171.63, Village Center District 1, to change the use of the building to mixed use of miscellaneous professional/business offices and residential units at the property located at 1011 Central St, Palmer MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 58, Lot 205.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org). Michael Marciniac, Chairman 05/06, 05/13/2021

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The applicant, Richard Vaillant, is seeking a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval as required by section 171.28 and 171.29, respectively, for the operation of an outdoor commercial recreational facility at the property located at 1701 Park St, Palmer MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 3, Lot 1.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the

Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

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BRIMFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 2, 2021 at 7:30 PM** in the Town Hall (21 Main Street) regarding the town meeting articles regarding proposed zoning by-law changes. The proposed zoning by-law changes will affect the following sections:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 7.2, Projects Requiring Site Plan Approval

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 7.4, Required Site Plan Contents

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 12, Adult Use Marijuana Establishment; sections 12.3 and 12.4.5

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 3, District Use Regulations; section 3.5.5.3

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 6, Sign Regulations

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 4, Density Regulations, adding Estate Lots

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw-Business District, adding specific parcel to the Business District exclusively for the construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation.

For the complete narrative of this proposed changes please visit <http://www.brimfieldma.org>, visit the Town Hall Annex at 23 Main Street or contact the Planning Board at: planning@brimfieldma.org. 05/13, 05/20/2021

LEGAL NOTICE OF A COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING REGARDING A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSED BY Silver Therapeutics of Palmer, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that a virtual community outreach meeting for **Silver Therapeutics of Palmer, Inc.'s proposed Marijuana Establishment** is scheduled for **May 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, online at <https://princelobel.zoom.us/j/92032954660> or by telephone by calling +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 920 3295 4660. The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at **1235 Thorndike Street, Palmer, Massachusetts 01069** (the "Property"). Closed captioning will be provided. Community members and members of the public are encouraged to ask questions and receive answers from representatives of Silver Therapeutics of Palmer, Inc.

Questions may be submitted in advance to hello@agtherapeutics.com. All materials for the meeting will be available more than 24 hours before the virtual community outreach meeting at princelobel.com.

This Virtual Community Outreach Meeting will be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Administrative Order Allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meetings and the applicable requirements set forth in M.G.L. ch. 94G and 935 CMR 500.000 et seq.

A copy of this notice is on file with the town clerk, the planning board, and the contracting authority for the municipality, at Town Hall, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, Massachusetts 01069. A copy of this notice was published in a newspaper of

general circulation at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the virtual community outreach meeting and mailed at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the virtual community outreach meeting to abutters of the Property, owners of land directly opposite the Property on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of the Property as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town. 05/13/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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Lisa Burke 74 Main ST
Apt B Monson,MA; JEEP
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Beverly Boulette 70 Beacon DR
Palmer,MA. This auction is to take place on **May 21, 2021, 10:00 A.M.** at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069. 05/06, 05/13, 05/20/2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael J. Pecore and Renee M. Pecore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, dated March 24, 2004 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14044, Page 558 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgagee DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated September 9, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 17983, Page 584, and Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns dated July 2, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23383, Page 391, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns dated July 2, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21599, Page 513, and Corrective Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated February 15, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21599, Page 513, and Corrective Assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated February 14, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23262, Page 320, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not indi-

vidually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust to NWL Company, LLC dated September 27, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22946, Page 143, and Assignment from NWL Company, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated April 17, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23262, Page 325, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. dated July 31, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23383, Page 393, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 3 Knollwood Road, Brimfield, MA 01010 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on **June 3, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, situated in the Town of Brimfield, County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and known as Lots Nos. 28, 29 and 30, in Section "D" on a map entitled, "Sherman Lake Shores, Property of the Waterfront Realty Co., Hartford, Conn., dated May 1954, Scale 1" = 100', Henry N. Loomis & Eugene B. Sullivan, Civil Engineers, Hartford, Conn." Map 43, Pages 84 and 85, recorded June 11, 1954; Revised Map 50, Pages 2 and 5, recorded June 7, 1955; Revised Map 51, Pages 125 and 126, recorded August 10, 1955, which maps are on file in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Springfield, Mass., to which reference is hereby made and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by Lot No. 31, in said Section "D", one hundred fifty (150) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by Knollwood Road, one hundred forty (140) feet, more or less;

SOUTHERLY by a curved line at the intersection of the easterly line of Forest Road and the northwesterly line of Knollwood Road, thirty and 6/10 (30.6) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by Forest Road, one hundred thirty-four and three tenths (134.3) feet, more or less; and

NORTHWESTERLY by Lot No. 27 in said Section "D", one hundred thirty-five and two-tenths (135.2) feet, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH the right of ingress and egress to and from said lot or lots over roadways on said map; and TOGETHER WITH the right to use and areas on said map reserved for the owners of lots on this development for beach purposes. Said premises are SUBJECT to pole right of way for the purpose of supply utility service to adjoining property.

SUBJECT TO restrictions as states in a deed from Stephen Cubles to Joseph P. & Helen F. Pappalardo dated October, 1960, and recorded in the said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2870, Page 275.

Being the same premises conveyed to Dean C. DeMoulplied and Virginia J. DeMoulplied by deed of Robert W. Roy and Georgina J. Roy, dated August 15, 1994 recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 8938, Page 379.

Being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors herein by deed dated and recorded concurrently in the Hampden County Court Clerk's Office.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9677, Page 175.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, res-

ervations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc.
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Pecore, Michael J.,
21-037985
04/29, 05/06, 05/13/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD21P0739EA Estate of:

Ektor Harry Trubounis Date of Death: 03/03/2015 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Harry T Trubounis** of Washington, DC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Harry T Trubounis** of Washington, DC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/25/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 27, 2021 Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate 05/13/2021

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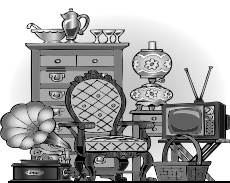
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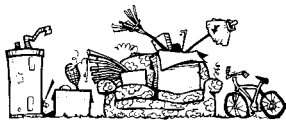
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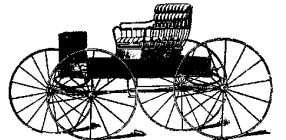
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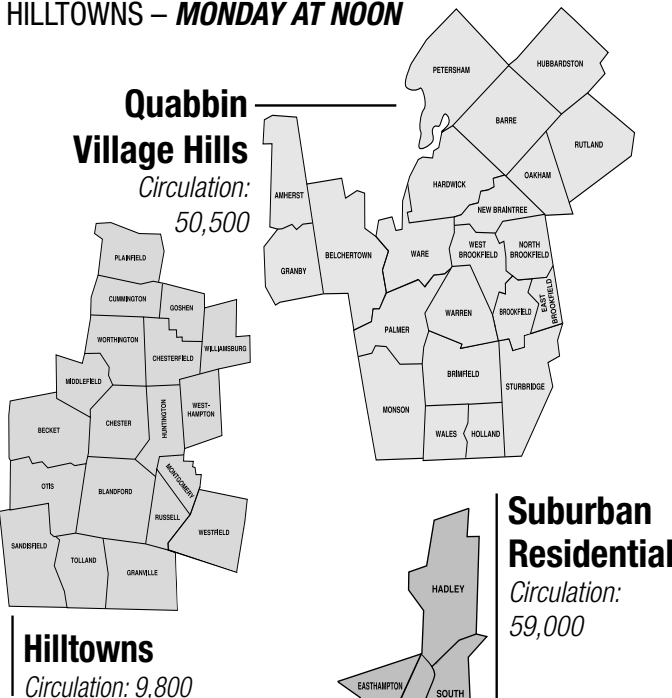
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Past Commissioner John Benedict led the project to install a fence to protect the head stones and the history of the graveyard.

New North Main Street Cemetery fence protects 19th century graves

MONSON — The Monson Cemetery Commission recently had a fence installed along the back side of the North Main Street Cemetery to protect the head stones from damage from the rock wall on the back side of the property.

Over the years rocks have become dislodged from the wall and several have come to rest against a head stone. Past Commissioner John Benedict led the project to install a fence to protect the head stones and the history of the graveyard.

According to town records the North Main Street Cemetery was the second cemetery in the town, which was part of Brimfield at the time. The first burial occurred in 1777 and the last burial was in 1850. There are about 250 people buried at this location.

The majority of the headstones are made of red sandstone or slate with a few marble stone used just before it was closed to burials. The Cemetery Commission was the recipient of a Community Preservation Grant to straighten and repair several of the head stones. For more information on who is buried at the cemetery, go to monson-ma.gov/cemetery-department/pages/burials-north-main-street-cemetery.

The Cemetery Commissioners would also like to inform the public that the bid packet for the repair of the Hillside Cemetery Arch has been released for the repair to be completed this year.

Residents encouraged to follow state and local COVID guidelines

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – Following Gov. Charlie Baker’s recent announcement lifting the state’s outdoor mask mandate, Monson town administrator Jennifer L. Wolowicz said it means little to no change with how the town is handling the pandemic.

There are no official town Memorial Day events scheduled and the privately-run Summerfest has already been canceled, so the town encourages residents to continue abiding by the state and federal guidelines in place to keep infection rates down while the pandemic persists.

Gov. Baker’s appendix to COVID-19 Order No. 63, issued on March 18, stated gatherings at private residences should have a total of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Also, gatherings at event venues and in public should not exceed 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors.

“The governor’s mandates are still in place, they just have different guidelines to them,” Wolowicz said.

“As far as a resident hosting anything local, they would still have to reference any local bylaws or permits they need to get on a regular basis.”

She said the Monson Board of Health and Parks and Recreation departments are good resources if residents want advice.

Anyone who needs to refresh themselves with the governor’s mandates can visit [Mass.gov](https://mass.gov). On the website, COVID-19 data, updates from the governor, regulations, guidance, and more are available.



Town Administrator
Jennifer Wolowicz



Courtesy Photo
Artist David Dupuis welcomes Shelly Shicoff to the Monson Arts Council’s Art Exhibit. The Council is hosting its I Wish I Could Draw workshop May 26.

Noted artist here to encourage you to put pencil to paper

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – Anyone interested in taking up drawing or simply sharpening their skills is welcome to attend the Monson Arts Council’s upcoming event, I Wish I Could Draw.

The event is co-coordinated with David Dupuis, whose work was recently exhibited in “This Is Us: Portraiture Today” at the D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield. Dupuis has been coordinating this workshop for the past few years since the previous coordinator, Roberta Wilson, passed away.

“Before she passed away, she asked if I would step in and do it for her,” Dupuis. “I said ‘of course.’”

He said no one interested should feel intimidated to try the workshop.

“The workshop is going to be pretty basic,” Dupuis said. “Nobody should be afraid to sign up and try this. After all, it’s only pencil and paper.”

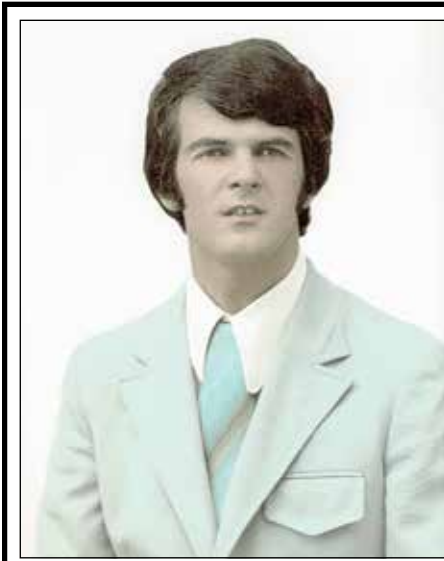
As for the importance of drawing, Dupuis said it’s the foundation for most forms of art.

“It doesn’t matter so much how you draw, it’s really about getting the message down,” Dupuis said. “Everybody has a different style of drawing. There are great masters who were not good at drawing. It’s not really about being good at drawing, it’s about getting the idea down or seeing what you’re trying to accomplish.”

Secretary of the Board of the Monson Council of Arts, Maureen Solomon, who is also excited for the event, said before Wilson passed, she set the tone for the annual workshop, which is “to reduce people’s fear of drawing.”

“People who cannot draw, spend a lot of energy working around that,” Solomon said. “This is designed to help people see drawing is possible and good for your art.”

The workshop is scheduled to take place on May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, located at 198 Main St. Pandemic protocols, such as wearing face masks and social distancing, will be observed. Registration is \$10. To sign up for the workshop, donate to council and more, visit monsonartscouncil.org/ or email info@monsonartscouncil.org.



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